KEIZOKU-SCANS
...and the manga goes on
DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES SHARE OUTSIDE OF IRC!

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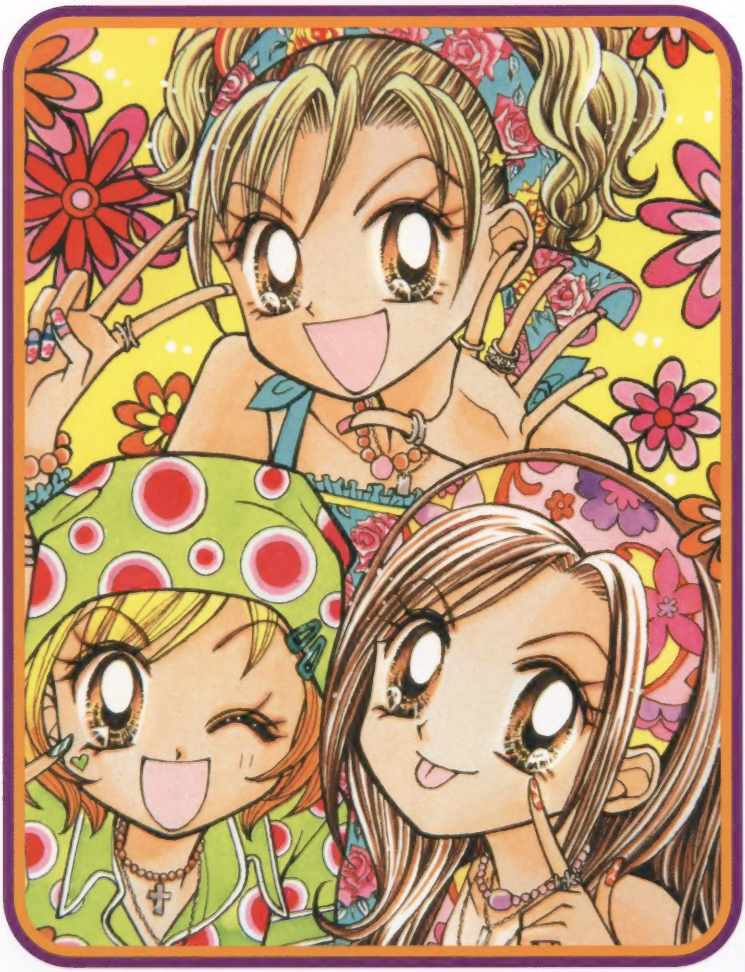

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GALS!

Vol. 3

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♥GAL'S!③
PRONTO
HEY, SA-TSUKI? YEAH, IT'S RAN!
I WAS THINKING OF GETTING ALL THE HONAN GALS TOGETHER TO GO TO A CLUB, LIKE, RIGHT NOW!
COULD YOU ASK REI?
ALRIGHT, I'LL BE WAITING IN THE MICKEY D'S AT SHIBUYA CENTER! SEE YOU THEN!
SNAP
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
KYAA!
HEY! PUT ME DOWN!
TODAY'S THE DAY WHEN THEY LET HIGH SCHOOL KIDS IN, SO IT'LL BE FINE, I TELL YOU! COME ON, WE'RE ALL GOING!
MAYBE I'LL GRAB A CHEESEBURGER WHILE WE WAIT ♡
WHAT? WHY?!
UMM...I THINK I'LL JUST HEAD ON HOME.
SHE'S COMING!
I DON'T THINK I CAN HANDLE GOING TO A DANGEROUS PLACE LIKE THAT!
DON'T SCARY PEOPLE HANG OUT AT CLUBS?

GAL'S!

Main Character Introduction

Otohata Rei

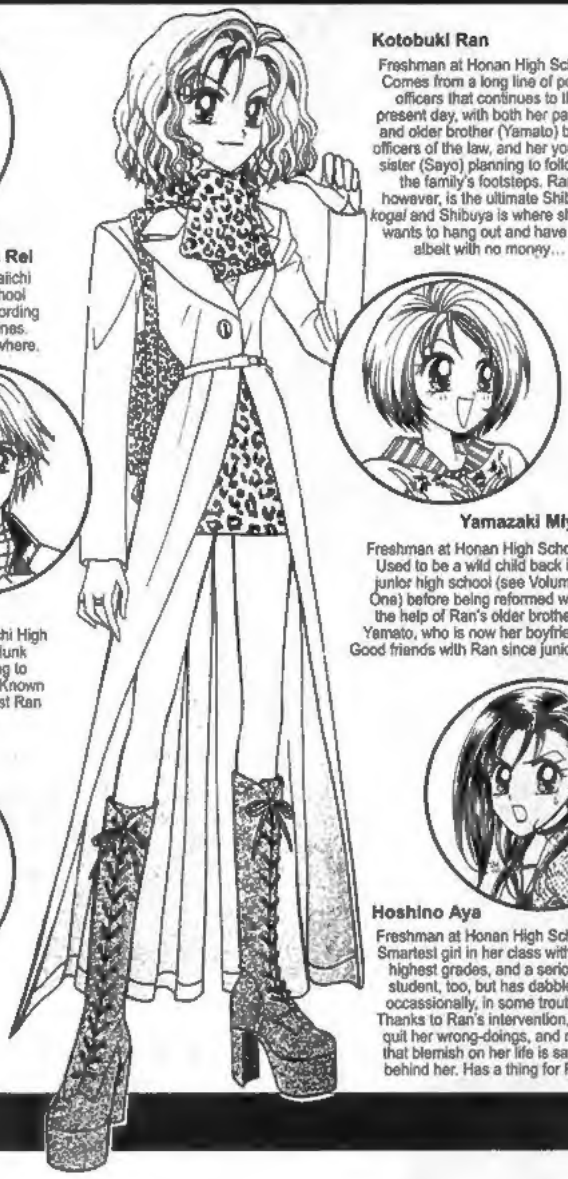
Freshman at Meisho Daiichi High School. "High School Hunk Number One," according to popular teen magazines. The idol of *kogals* everywhere.

Aso Yuya

Freshman at Meisho Daiichi High School. "High School Hunk Number Two," according to popular teen magazines. Known as "Number Two" amongst Ran and her friends.

Kotobuki Yamato

Ran's older brother. Police officer stationed at the police box in Shibuya.



Kotobuki Ran

Freshman at Honan High School. Comes from a long line of police officers that continues to the present day, with both her parents and older brother (Yamato) being officers of the law, and her younger sister (Sayo) planning to follow in the family's footsteps. Ran, however, is the ultimate Shibuya *kogal* and Shibuya is where she just wants to hang out and have fun, albeit with no money...

Yamazaki Miyu

Freshman at Honan High School. Used to be a wild child back in junior high school (see Volume One) before being reformed with the help of Ran's older brother, Yamato, who is now her boyfriend. Good friends with Ran since junior high.

Hoshino Aya

Freshman at Honan High School. Smartest girl in her class with the highest grades, and a serious student, too, but has dabbled, occassionally, in some trouble. Thanks to Ran's intervention, she quit her wrong-doings, and now that blemish on her life is safely behind her. Has a thing for Rei.

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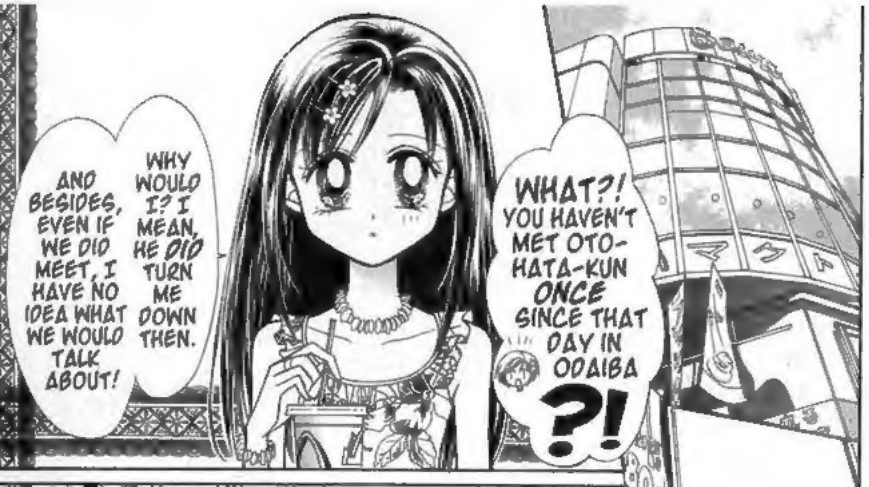
Chapter 9: Gals' Iron Rule--Truth and Guts!!


WHY WOULD I? I MEAN, HE DID TURN ME DOWN THEN.
AND BESIDES, EVEN IF WE DID MEET, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE WOULD TALK ABOUT!
WHAT?! YOU HAVEN'T MET OTO-HATA-KUN ONCE SINCE THAT DAY IN ODAIBA
?!

IS THAT SO?! THEN YOU WON'T MIND IF I SCAM YOUR FRIES!
RAN, YOU ARE SO INSEN-SITIVE WHEN IT COMES TO MATTERS OF THE HEART!!
PoN T
I'VE HARDLY HAD AN APPE-TITE SINCE ODAI-BA.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M STILL RECOV-ERING FROM IT.
SIGH

COMING FROM OUT OF THE BLUE...

SOMETHING THAT ANYONE CAN DO!! GARLIC NAIL ART CLINIC!!! yAy! CLAP! CLAP!

Actually, I've gotten a lot of requests for this, so here we are!! I'll introduce you to a low cost, easy, and fun way of doing nail art

☆STEP 1!! (Get your stuff together!)

- SCOTCH (not the really TAPE sticky kind) (only for those who want to use nail chips)
- NAIL POLISH (whichever colors you like)
- PAINT FOR DRAWING PICTURES (either water based or acrylic)
- BRUSH (as small as possible)
- TOOTHPICK
- TOP COAT (transparent coating that's used as a finishing touch)
- NAIL CHIPS (how much is up to you) (only for those who want to do nail art on their press-on nails)
- RHINESTONES (for those who want to use them). (spangles and beads are also okay!)
- NAIL ADHESIVE or PRESS-ON NAILS

(If you have just these items, you're all set!)

GALS! VOL. 3 IS ON THE SHELVES!

HI, EVERYBODY!!! IT'S ME, FUJII MIHONA♡

Thanks to all of you who (point: This means you) bought GALS! 3!! Hey, even if you borrowed this book from a friend, thanks for reading!! Ahhh... happiness♡

This time around, too, there's a lot of my free talk in the margins. I'd love it if you killed some time reading my ramblings♡ There's a lotta love packed in there, what with tales of my Gals fact-finding missions, production notes, my brother's end-of-the-volume series, etc., so if you get even a little kick out of the extra stuff, I'll be jumping for joy—like happy♡

As with the first two volumes, volume three also contains a bonus story!! It features Sayo-pe showing off her detective skills (?<<LOL), so I hope you like it♡♡♡

I love the number "3!!" It feels like a lucky number and in Japanese, it can sound like the "mi" in Mihona...In other words, despite having any real significance, I'm happy this is volume three!! I hope that a lot of people read this book, as with the first two in the series...♡

So now, kick back and enjoy... ♡♡♡

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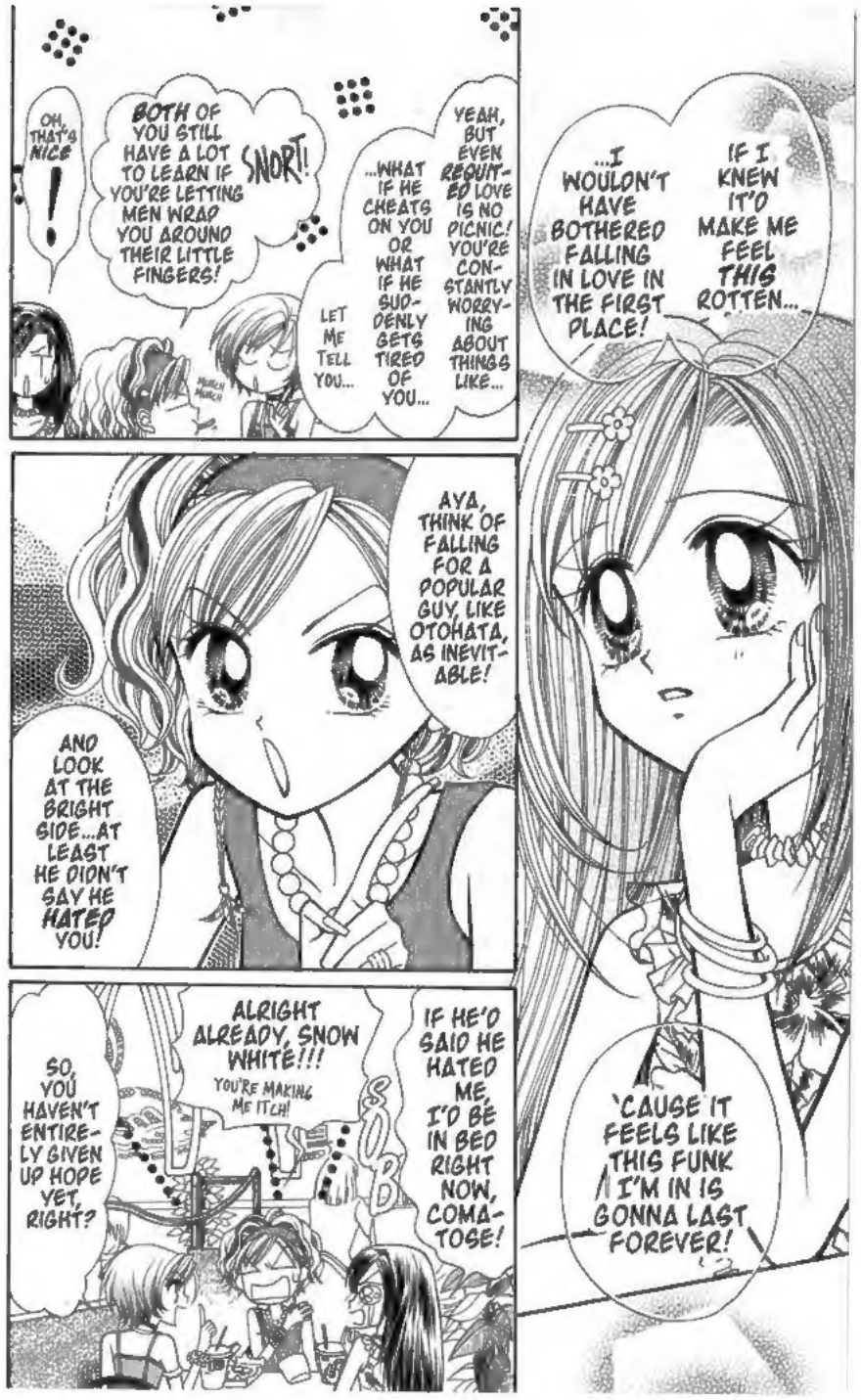
RAN, THAT WAS AWFUL!
YEAH! THERE'S STILL A "REI" OF HOPE!!
I GUESS NOT.
IF I DON'T GIVE UP... MAYBE I STILL HAVE A CHANCE.
WERE YOU WAITING LONG?
NOW, HERE'RE A COUPLE OF CHICKS THAT LOOK READY TO PARTY!
PIG!
I ALREADY ATE 'EM ALL.
OH! I CAN FEEL MY APPETITE RETURNING ALREADY! GIMME MY FRIES BACK!
HEY!
COME ON, HONAN!!
OH, YEAH!!
BUST IT WIDE OPEN, HONAN!!
OH, YEAH!!
...ROCK JAPAN!!
YEAH!
MAYBE WE SHOULD DO OUR THING FIRST...
SO, WE READY?


OH, THAT'S NICE!
BOTH OF YOU STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN IF YOU'RE LETTING MEN WRAP YOU AROUND THEIR LITTLE FINGERS!
SNORT!
LET ME TELL YOU...
...WHAT IF HE CHEATS ON YOU OR WHAT IF HE SUDDENLY GETS TIRED OF YOU...
YEAH, BUT EVEN REQUITED LOVE IS NO PICNIC! YOU'RE CONSTANTLY WORRYING ABOUT THINGS LIKE...
AYA, THINK OF FALLING FOR A POPULAR GUY, LIKE OTOHATA, AS INEVITABLE!
AND LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE...AT LEAST HE DIDN'T SAY HE HATED YOU!
...I WOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED FALLING IN LOVE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
IF I KNEW IT'D MAKE ME FEEL THIS ROTTEN...
'CAUSE IT FEELS LIKE THIS FUNK I'M IN IS GONNA LAST FOREVER!
SO, YOU HAVEN'T ENTIRELY GIVEN UP HOPE YET, RIGHT?
ALRIGHT ALREADY, SNOW WHITE!!!
YOU'RE MAKING ME ITCH!
SOB
IF HE'D SAID HE HATED ME, I'D BE IN BED RIGHT NOW, COMATOSE!

DANGER! DANGER!
...HUH?!
YEAH, I KNOW ...
WELL, ABSENCE HASN'T DENTED YOUR Q-RATING ONE BIT!
ELBOW
DUCK
!!
COULDN'T BE HELPED! BEEN STRAPPED FOR CASH!
IT'S BEEN LONELY WITHOUT YOU
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU HERE FOR AGES!
AND YOU'RE SURE AS HECK FORBIDDEN TO TALK TO ANY MEN IN HERE!!
BA
YOU'RE FORBIDDEN TO DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF!!
BA
KOTOBUKI RAN, YOU'RE FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE PREMISES!!
BA
WHAT?!
DO I STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH YOU THREE LOSERS?!

WE'RE ALREADY HALF-WAY THERE!!
YOU'VE COME TOO FAR TO TURN BACK NOW!!
LET'S DO IT!!
GAL POWER!!
SNATCH
NOOO! KYAA!!!
THAT DOES IT. I'M GOING HOME!!!
SPIN
YOU'RE AS STYLIN' AS EVER. ♡
RAN-CHAN! LT NO C!
HEY! IT'S RAN-CHAN!

HUH?!
YOU CAME HERE WITH REI-KUN IN MIND !!
IF YOU FLOOZIES ARE SO WORRIED, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND GYAKU-NANDA ON THE GUYS?!
BLEAT BLEAT BLEAT
YOU'RE FORBIDDEN, KOTOBUKI, FORBIDDEN !!
IF NONE OF THE GUYS HERE NANDA ON US, IT'LL ALL BE YOUR FAULT!!
?
ME, THREE.
ME, TOO.
AH! I GET IT.
KYAAA !!
YOU'RE FORBIDDEN, KOTOBU--
OWWW! GET YOUR PAWS OFFA ME!
HEY! DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT GETTING CLOSE TO HIM!
LET'S GO SEE 'IM!
CRASH CRASH
AHHH !!!
WHAT, HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING UNDER A ROCK?! THESE DAYS, REI-KUN'S BEEN WORKING AS THE DJ'S ASSISTANT HERE!
OTO-HATA'S HERE?
REALLY? THAT'S AWESOME !!!

.....
DA
SORRY.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
HEY! AYA?!
WAIT A SECOND!
I'LL GO WITH YOU!
AYA!

.....
AAAA!
SHE'S STICKIN' TO HIM LIKE GLUE!!!
WHO'S THE GIRL?
NEVER SEEN HER BE-FORE.
GOT ME.
I'M SO JEALOUS I COULD SPIT!
STAY AWAY FROM HER. RE-HUH!

I'M NOT YOU, RAN!
I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE BEING AS OPTIMISTIC OR...OR ACTIVE LIKE YOU ARE!
SO, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO START PICKING ON ME NOW?!
YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT!
HOW ABOUT BECAUSE FRIENDS ARE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER?!
I MEAN, ALL YOU DO IS CRITICIZE YOURSELF, AYA! DO YOU LIKE BEING THAT KINDA PERSON?!
!
...I HATE IT...
A GIRL WHO HATES HERSELF, BUT HOPES THAT SOME GUY WILL FALL FOR HER?
UH UH, THAT'S ASKING FOR TOO MUCH!

I JUST CAN'T GO BACK IN THERE.
SEEING HIM WITH ANOTHER GIRL LIKE THAT... IT'S LIKE TOTAL PROOF HE HAS NO INTEREST IN ME!
WHY DO YOU ASSUME THAT GIRL IN THERE IS OTOHATA-KUN'S GIRL-FRIEND?
HEY, GIRL...
..ARE YOU BUMMED OUT ALL OVER AGAIN?!
I MEAN...
...WHEN HE WAS TALKING TO HER, HIS EXPRES-SION...HE NEVER SMILED AT ME LIKE THAT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING. I'D JUST BE A GLOOMY, INDECISIVE ANCHOR AROUND OTOHATA-KUN'S NECK, ANYWAY...
WHAT GUY WOULD EVER WANT TO GO OUT WITH A WHINING CRYBABY LIKE YOU?
WELL...
...WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, YEAH.

MORE GREETINGS

yAy! yAy! yAy!

It's me again, Fuji Mihona-chi♡

Right now, it's April and the cherry blossoms have just begun to bloom! As I write this column, the new school year has started, but by the time this book is on the shelves, I imagine everyone's first day butterflies in the stomach will have calmed down. Of course, being a mangaka, there is no start-of-the-school-year jitters. It's same old, same old for me.

The other day, when I went to Shibuya, I saw girls wearing denim! And flower patterns! And lotsa colors! I bought cute, straight jeans while I was there, as well as a lavender camisole, a green, short-sleeved knit shirt, springy accessories, a belt, etc. Anyway, all spring-based items! But, summer is just around the corner, give or take a couple of months, so I'm already looking forward to more shopping! ♡♡♡

Oh yeah, looking back on my free talk in volume two.

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YIPE! NAKANISHI SENSEI'S GOTTA BE SEEING RED!
TODAY WAS THE DAY, YOU MEAN!
OH, NO!! TODAY'S THE DAY FOR REMEDIAL LESSONS AND IT COMPLETELY SLIPPED MY MIND!!
IF I WERE YOU, I'D APOLOGIZE TO HIM, TOMORROW!
YOU ARE SO DOOMED GIRL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE BLEW OFF SUMMER SCHOOL!!!
IT STARTED WHEN I WAS ON MY TRIP TO SPAIN, WHERE I PARTICIPATED IN THE RUNNING OF THE BULLS..
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH!

LISTEN, KIDDO, REAL WOMEN HAVE GUTS!
AND THE GALS' GOLDEN RULE IS TO SPEAK YOUR MIND, ANY-WHERE, ANY-TIME!!
GOT IT?!
EH?! OH! YEAH!
I SAID, GOT IT?!
GAL!!
REMEDIAL?
AH! I'VE GOT ONE FOR HER! SHE'S GOTTA TAKE REMEDIAL CLASSES!
YOU CALL THOSE PROBLEMS?
LIKE, RECENTLY, I LOST ONE OF MY FAVORITE PRESS-ON NAILS! OR LAST NIGHT, I FORGOT TO WATCH MY FAVORITE SHOW..
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! I'VE GOT MY PROBLEMS, LIKE EVERY-BODY ELSE!
HMM... SHE HAS A POINT THERE..
..I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT IT
..IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. YOU'RE NEVER PLAGUED WITH DOUBTS.
STILL..

KOTO-BUKI.
...P.E. IS THE ONLY CLASS YOU GET OUT-STANDING GRADES IN, ISN'T IT?
MM?!
WELL, SURE THIS BODY HAS STRENGTH AND SPEED IN ACES!
NO VIOLENCE IN THE HALLS!
SHSHSH
SUTATATATA
WHO ARE YOU TO TELL ME THAT?!
HM. YEAH, YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.
CHIRP CHIRP
I DON'T SEE HOW THIS YEAR'LL BE ANY DIFFER-ENT...
FOR SOME REASON, MY CLASS ALWAYS COMES IN LAST PLACE
SPORTS FESTIVAL? SOUNDS LIKE IT'S MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH
CHIRP CHIRP
STRENGTH AND SPEED... Y'KNOW, THE SPORTS FESTIVAL FOLLOWS RIGHT ON THE HEELS OF THE NEW SEMESTER
.....
...IF I COULD JUST WIN ONE TIME... JUST ONCE...I COULD DIE A HAPPY MAN...
I PULL MY HAIR OUT OVER IT EVERY YEAR...
AND EVERY YEAR, WITHOUT FAIL, GUNJO SENSEI'S CLASS TAKES FIRST PLACE.
YOU MEAN, FRESH-MAN CLASS 4?
WINNER

OH!! SLAP
I'M GLAD YOU HAD THE BULL IN YOUR STORY, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT WAS, 100%!
OYOYOY... THEY NEVER TELL YOU ABOUT PROBLEMS LIKE THAT IN THE GUIDE BOO--
HE LEAPT OFF A CLIFF AND WE LANDED IN THE GANGES RIVER, WHERE I FLOATED AIMLESSLY FOR TEN DAYS...
...BEFORE FINALLY DRIFTING TO ENO-SHIMA THIS VERY MORN-ING !!
...AND THE BULL THAT I CAUGHT JUST WENT BERSERK AND RAN ALL THE WAY TO INDIA WHILE I HELD ON FOR DEAR LIFE!
THEN SAVE US BOTH TIME AND TELL ME THAT TO BEGIN WITH!
I FORGOT.
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO YESTER-DAY'S REMEDIAL SESSION ?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO INVENT SOMETHING LIKE THAT EVERY SINGLE TIME!! NOW I WANT A STRAIGHT ANSWER!
BUCK UP, NAKA-SEN! IN LIFE, YOU GOTTA TAKE THE GOOD WITH THE BAD!
OH, COME ON, YOU'RE EXAGGE-RATING ...
SOB
ALL I WANT...ALL I FERVENTLY WISH FOR IS EACH AND EVERY STUDENT OF MINE TO BE ABLE TO GO ON TO SECOND-YEAR!! AND THIS IS WHAT I GET IN RETURN?! IT JUST ABOUT BREAKS MY HEART!
NAKA-SEN = NAKAJIMA-SENSEI

ALL RIGHT, HAND 'EM OVER.
SORRY 'BOUT THAT! I GOT JUST A COUPLE MORE ASSIGNMENTS HERE, CLASSICAL TRANSLATION AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION!
I ONLY ASK YOU TO DO IT 'CAUSE YOU'RE SO SMART!
NAKA-SEN ALSO SAID THAT AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THERE'LL BE FIRE-WORKS!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!!
I'M PRETTY GOOD AT RUNNING RACES MYSELF! COUNT ME IN!
WHAT IMPRESSES ME MORE THAN THAT... ...IS THE AMOUNT OF SUMMER HOMEWORK..
...YOU JUST LET PILE UP!
OH, YEAH, THE SPORTS FESTIVAL'S GONNA BE ON A SUNDAY, SO YOU AND OTOHATA CAN BE THERE TO CHEER FOR US!
YEAH.
SURE, BUT...
...DO YOU WANT REI TO BE THERE?
...RAN-CHAN...

NAKA-SEN!!! IF OUR CLASS WON THIS TIME, WOULD YOU OVERLOOK YESTER-DAY'S ABSENCE?!
WHAT?! YOU MEAN, YOU'LL JOIN IN?!
THEN YOU'RE ON!! YOU PLAY BALL AND I WON'T MENTION YESTER-DAY'S NO-SHOW TO YOUR PARENTS!!
Donny's
I MUST BE DREAM-ING!
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF OUR CLASS'S TEAM FOR THE SPORTS FEST?!
YEAH! AND I'M IN IT, TOO! I SIGNED UP FOR THE 100-METER RACE, THE 400-METER RACE, THE RELAY RACE, THE BALL TOSS, AND THE CHICKEN FIGHT!
LET'S GO FOR THE SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL GOLD!
LEAVE IT TO ME !!
GLORY WILL RAIN DOWN ON FRESH-MAN CLASS 2 !!!
AND I'LL GET TO AVOID MY OLD MAN'S GIANT SWING

The new term.
LONG TIME NO SEE!
BUT, TO ACHIEVE IT, WE'LL NEED TEAMWORK, SUPPORT... AND THE EYE OF THE TIGER!!
AND THESE FANS, OF COURSE!
CLASS 2 ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING! CERTAIN VICTORY
FRESHMAN ANYTHING EVERYTHIN CERTAIN VICTORY
SO, ARE WE CLEAR?! THIS YEAR, OUR CLASS IS GONNA WIN THIS SPORTS THING!!
THANK YOU!!
OKAY COPY THIS AND DELIVER IT TO MY HOUSE WHEN YOU'RE DONE!
OH, AND THIS JAPANESE HISTORY ASSIGNMENT!
THAT'S THE WORST SUBJECT OF THE BUNCH!
ANY-THING FOR YOU...
SURE, RAN!

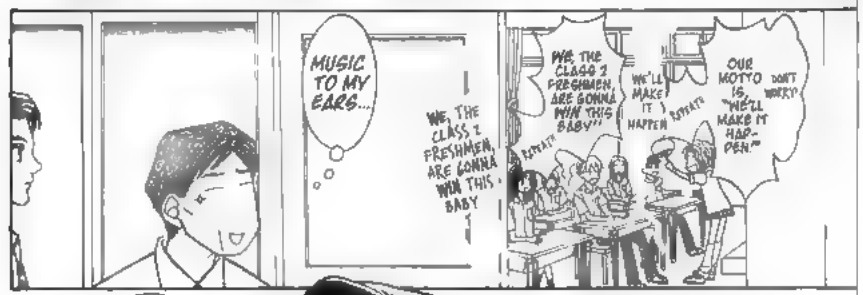
...BUT I GOTTA ADMIT, THE KID'S GOT A REAL EAR FOR MUSIC!
WELL, HE'S STILL JUST AN ASSIS-TANT 'J..
REALLY? I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED.
MMM.
AYA'S STILL A LITTLE DOWN IN THE DUMPS OVER OTO-HATA-KUN...
?
IT'S JUST THAT...
ME? I DON'T CARE EITHER WAY.
...I NEVER KNEW HE WAS DJ'ING.
Y'KNOW...
PHEW!
OH, SO THAT'S ALL...
THIS WHOLE SUMMER WENT BY WITHOUT YOU AND ME GOIN' ON A D--
Y'KNOW, RAN, I'VE HAD IT PRETTY ROUGH, TOO!
OH, NO! I FOR-GOT MY MATH SHEETS !!!
WHAT?!
I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE HAD TO FALL FOR SUCH A HIGH MAINTENANCE GUY LIKE THAT!
WHICH MAKES IT HARDER FOR AYA-CHAN, POOR THING.
...WELL, HE'S THE TYPE OF GUY THAT DOESN'T TALK ABOUT HIMSELF MUCH.
YEAH.

AH, WELL, DO IT YOUR WAY.
IN THE END IT WON'T MATTER, SINCE MY CLASS'LL BRING IT HOME, AS ALWAYS!
IT TAKES MORE THAN JUST TRUST TO BE A TEACHER.
AND ANYWAY, I DOUBT THAT KOTOBUKI GIRL DESERVES ANY TRUST
KA-CHING
I-I TRUST MY STUDENTS!

...I GOT THE KIDS PEPPED!
NAKASEN
GUNJO, YOU...TURN AROUND AND SAY THAT AGAIN! GO AHEAD, I DARE YOU!!

I'M WIPED OUT!
AHHHH...

WHAT?!
WHAT'RE YOU SO FIRED UP ABOUT?! YOU GOTTA BE PLAYING SOME ANGLE HERE!!
WHAT IS THIS, A JOKE?!
BUT, IF SOMEONE MAKES A MISTAKE, I DON'T WANT ANYBODY POINTING FINGERS OR CASTING BLAME!
STARTING TODAY, WE'RE NO LONGER JUST A CLASS. WE'RE A TEAM! AND WE'RE GONNA PRACTICE LIKE ONE!


MUSIC TO MY EARS...
WE, THE CLASS 1 FRESHMEN, ARE GONNA WIN THIS, BABY!
WE, THE CLASS 2 FRESHMEN, ARE GONNA WIN THIS BABY!!!
WE'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN
OUR MOTTO IS, "WE'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN!"
DON'T WORRY!

HOWEVER, I'M NOT TOO SURE MAKING YOUR PROBLEM CHILD THE LEADER IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA.
EVEN WITHOUT THAT TROUBLE-MAKER AT THE HELM, YOUR CLASS SUFFERS FROM LACK OF SOLIDARITY.
YOUR CLASS THIS YEAR REALLY SEEMS TO BE SHOWING TEAM SPIRIT
GUNJO SENSEI...

and was thinking that maybe my writing style was too informal in relation to the readers well, I felt nervous about this until I got a letter about my free talk, which said that my style was nice and friendly so that took a weight off my mind, but hmm, even so, maybe wrote a LITTLE too casually? For now, though, I'll keep at it, writing as I usually do, since writing formally just ain't my bag!!

MICHONA'S LATEST NEWS!

Recently, I went to a Morning Musume concert!! My brother and his sayaka-chi groupie buddies dragged me along (not kidding- more like I TAGGED along!) we all waved around glow sticks that my bro's friends had prepared beforehand wow! wow! Most of the fans there were guys and so when everyone jumped up and down in sync, the whole place shook Thrilling to the max

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FORGET ABOUT IT! NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY TRAIN, THEY'LL NEVER BEAT CLASS 4!
HEY, THAT'S CLASS 2 IN TRAINING!
ZOOMM
ZOOMM
WE'VE ONLY BEEN PRACTICING FOR HALF AN HOUR! COME ON, UP AND AT 'EM, PEOPLE!!
WORD!
AND WHO ASKED YOU, CLOWN?! I GUARANTEE, THE DAY OF, YOU'LL BE QUIVERING IN YOUR SNEAK-ERS!
I WANNA SEE EVERYONE'S BEST GAME FACE!!!
ALRIGHT, LEMME SEE HOW PUMPED UP YOU ARE!!
HOO-AH!!
HUH! WELL, AS LONG AS I'M YOUR FEARLESS LEADER, THOSE LOSERS WILL NEVER SEE FIRST PLACE!
WELL, AIN'T THAT A KICK IN THE PANTS?!
I HEARD THAT GUNJO CHERRY-PICKS HIS STUDENTS, ONLY GETTING THE ONES WHO'RE JOCK-TYPES!
NYAH, NYAH

WOW, RAN'S CLASS LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE REALLY INTO IT!
HEY, THERE SHE IS!
GO, RAN!! 100 METERS AIN'T NOTHIN'!
LEAVE IT TO ME!!
DASH
AH, C'MON! IT'S SUNDAY! LIKE YOU HAD ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE HERE?!
IT'S TOO HOT
JEEZ, RAN-CHAN RUNS AT HYPER SPEED!
BAM
HEY, LOOK!
ISN'T THAT AYA-CHAN RUNNING?!

20TH ANNUAL HONAN HIGH SCHO SPORTS FESTIVA
PARTI-CIPANTS IN THE 100-METER RACE, PLEASE ASSEMBLE ON THE LAWN NEXT TO THE TENT.
WHAT'S THE MOTTO?!
GOD, THIS SPORTS DEAL IS KILLIN' ME!
I KNOW! IT'S SO GROSS AND HOT!
THIS REALLY SUCKS!
CLASS 2 FRESHMEN!
WIN
WE'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!
YEAH!!
CLASS 2 FRESHMEN, ARE WE GONNA WIN HERE TODAY?!
I DUNNO
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!

WHAT A WASTE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LET A CUTE GIRL LIKE THAT GO...
...ALL BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO HAVE A STEADY GIRL-FRIEND.
RIGHT NOW, THE SCORE FOR THE FRESH-MEN IS...
CLASS A...
...WITH 195 POINTS, CLASS 1 WITH 180 POINTS, CLASS 5...
YEAH !!!
EH HEH HEH...
TELL ME THAT AFTER YOU LAND KOTO-BUKI.
THUNK
YOU COULD LEARN SOMETHING FROM ME.

Y-YES, SIR!!
'CAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE IS!
YOU BETTER NOT LOSE TO THEM!!
WITH THEIR VICTORY IN THE RELAY RACE...
...CLASS 2 IS TIED WITH CLASS 4!
THE FINAL EVENT IS THE CHICKEN FIGHT!
IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS, PEOPLE!! NOW, LET'S SHOW THESE JOCKS HOW WE'VE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST!!!
ALL RIGHT!!

ON YOUR MARKS ... GET SET...
BOOM
WE'LL CATCH UP TO 'EM WITH THE 400-METER RACE!!
ALL WE NEED'S A FEW MORE POINTS!
BANG

YAHOO!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, GUNJO SENSEI? THIS YEAR'S CLASS 2 IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT, EH?!
SWISH
GO, KOTO-BUKI!
JUST KEEP YOUR ENGINES BURNIN' LIKE THAT!
GAHAHA! PIECE O' CAKE!!

WELL, I GOT MY OWN STAKE IN WINNING ...
...THAT GUY'S OFF HIS ROCKER!
NOT DIRECTLY, BUT...
GIVE ME A BREAK, KOTOBUKI-SAN!!
ULP!
PULL
GOT IT!!
WHAT? DID HE THREATEN YOU?!
SO, I'M BEGGING YOU, LET US WIN!!
IF WE LOSE THIS, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT GUNJO-SENSEI'LL DO!
POP
AH!
...IN ANY EVENT, WHATEVER THE EVENT!!
I GOT IT!!!
SWISHH
AAAAA
O-OKAY!
A'IGHT?!
BUT, LISTEN, IF GUNJO TRIES TAKING IT OUT ON YOU SOMEHOW, YOU COME STRAIGHT TO ME!

DOOO
CHARGE!!!
YAAH!
FOUR!
THREE!
TWO!
THAT'S ONE!
DDDDDDDDDDD
YIPE!
OKAY!!!
LET'S GET 'ER!!!
ONE MORE TO GO!!
CLASS 2 IS SWIPING THEIR OPPONENTS' HEADBANDS LEFT AND RIGHT!

It'd been a long, long time since I'd been to an idol group's concert, so it was really exciting! I had a great time!!

On May 20, MOMO will perform at the Budokan, which I know is a big deal for Sayaka-chi. I'll be there for sure, hopefully, I'll be able to catch Sayaka-chi's eye! (That goes for my bro, too!) Now and forever, I'm an ardent supporter of Sayaka-chi's life!! I pray that she continues to lead an exciting one!

By the way, there's one thing on my mind. Not a problem, really, but—well, you know that I always draw new cover art for these collected volumes (well, some people notice, anyway), so I thought I'd draw something spring-like for volume 3 here, but it came out looking too much like volumes 1 and 2!!

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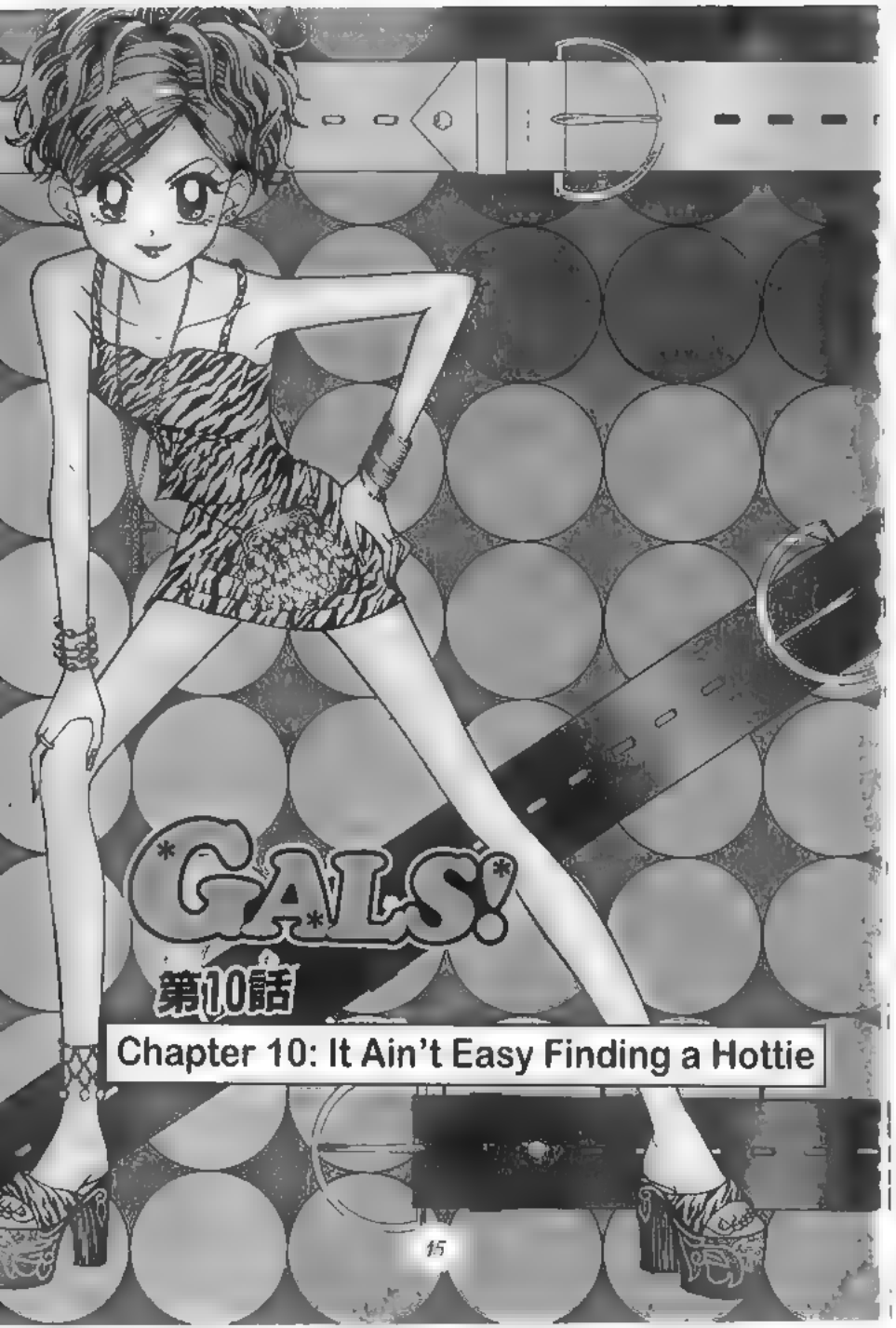
YESSS! NOW MY OLD MAN NEVER FINDS OUT ABOUT MY ABSENCE AND I ESCAPE HIS GIANT SWING!
WHEW! AFTER THAT, I KINDA FEEL LIKE I'M BACK TO MY OLD SELF!
WELL, OF COURSE! WE'RE THE WIN-NERS!
CRACK
UGH!!
HEY, WHAT'D YOU SLAM ON THE BRAKES FOR?!
--OTO-HATA-KUN IS OVER THERE!
O--
SO, HE IS. I WONDER HOW LONG HE AND NUMBER TWO-KUN HAVE BEEN HERE.

AYA!
REMEMBER WHAT I SAID.
REAL WOMEN HAVE GUTS! AND REAL GALS SPEAK THEIR MIND, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME!!
AM I RIGHT?
YEAH!
HEY.
I SAW YOU RUN IN THE 100-METER RACE.
FIRST PLACE, HUH? YOU WERE AWESOME!
DDDDDD
WHAT THE ...?!
DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?!
AH!
I...I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER WANNA TALK TO ME AGAIN ...
...I MEAN, I CAN HARDLY HOLD A CONVERSATION ...I DON'T HAVE ANY CHARM POINTS ...
...I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU HATED ME...

LOOK AT 'EM HOLDING HANDS WITHOUT EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT!
PERFECT!
ALL THANKS TO MY PEP TALK♡
I GUESS WITH THEM, IT'S ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK, AND RIGHT NOW, ONE STEP FORWARD AGAIN♡
MAYBE I OUGHTA GET SERIOUS ABOUT FINDING MY OWN "HIGH SCHOOL HUNK!"
HUH?! WAIT A MINUTE! IF YOU WANT A HIGH SCHOOL HUNK, THERE'S ONE RIGHT HERE!!
SUDDENLY, I WISH I WERE WITH YAMATO-KUN♡
RAN-CHAN!
WHEN ARE YOU GONNA GET THE MESSAGE
FROM MY HEART?
Meisho Dai-ichi High School freshman Aso Yuya
HELLO, YAMATO-KUN? CAN YOU HEAR THE FIREWORKS?
RAN-CHAN, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
PRETTY!
Chapter 9: End

BUT, SHE'S NOT MY GIRLFRIEND OR ANYTHING!
SHE'S A SINGER THERE!
WH-WHO WAS THAT GIRL... AT THE C-CLUB?
SNIFF
SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB
I NEVER SAID I HATED YOU!
SIGH... HEARTBREAKER!
HE MADE HER CRY! HE MADE HER CRY!
SNIFF SNIFF
...I'M GONNA SEE HER HOME.
LET'S GO
GO RIGHT AHEAD!
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER♡
G-GOOO...
SOB SOB
HUH? WHY AM I EXPLAINING ALL OF THIS?
NO!! I MUST LOOK AWFUL RIGHT NOW!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME WITH A PUFFY MARSHMALLOW FACE!
COME ON, LOOK AT ME.
ANYWAY, TURN OFF THE WATERWORKS!



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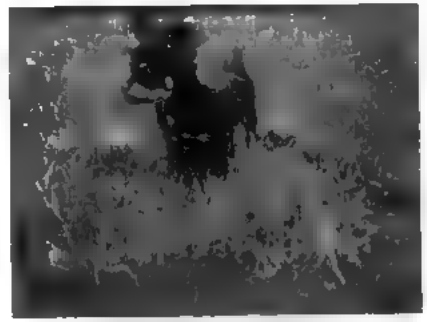
Chapter 10: It Ain't Easy Finding a Hottie

TIMOTHY'S ROOM

AT A NEARBY PARK!!



POLAROID SHOT!!

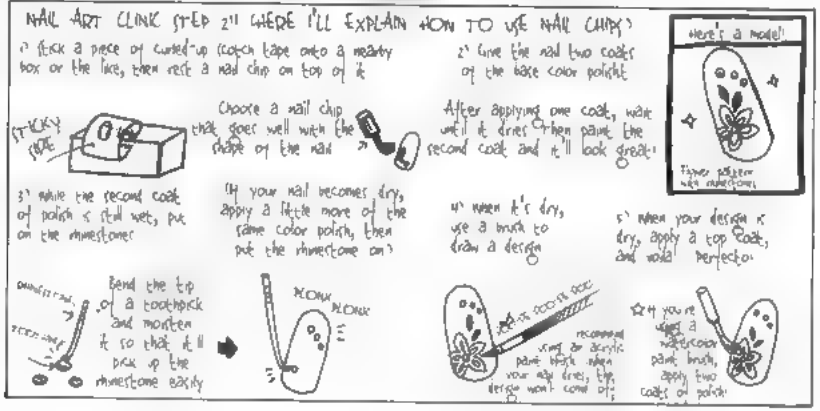
'97 HIS FIRST WALK

Here's a photo of Timo-chi from when he was a puppy♡This Polaroid of him walking on the grass is a real keepsake, since it was his first time outside!! It was in the summer, in his skinny days (Ho Ho Ho!) See how his cute li'l tail is standing at attention! Being a Chihuahua, he was tiny and cute to begin with ♡♡♡(Of course, he's still cute now♡)

Thanks to everyone who enclosed photos of their own dogs and cats with their letters! I love getting 'em♡Always heartwarming♡Only, don't send me photos that mean a lot to you After all, pictures are memories, right?

Recently at the park, a miniature dachshund (a boy<<LOL) took a liking to Timo-chi, who dashed around all over the place, trying to escape For me, it was just like watching a skit (LOL) Soon, Timmo and I will go to see the blooming cherry blossoms♡♡♡

YOU'VE GOTTA HEAR THIS!
YA-MATO-KUN!
GAH! COULD YOU PIPE DOWN OVER THERE?! I CAN'T CONCEN-TRATE!
OH! THANKS!
I WON TWO PEACH ICED TEAS IN A ROW AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE DRAWING!!
RAN, WHAT IS IT YOU'RE EVEN DOING?
HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE!!
FRET
FRET
NAP


NAIL ART CLINIC STEP 2!! WHERE I'LL EXPLAIN HOW TO USE NAIL CHIPS!
1. Stick a piece of curled-up scotch tape onto a nearby box or the like, then rest a nail chip on top of it
2. Give the nail two coats of the base color polish!
Here's a model!
Flower pattern with rhinestones
(STICKY) (side)
Choose a nail chip that goes well with the shape of the nail
After applying one coat, wait until it dries. Then paint the second coat and it'll look great!
3. While the second coat of polish is still wet, put on the rhinestones
4. If your nail becomes dry, apply a little more of the same color polish, then put the rhinestone on!
5. When it's dry, use a brush to draw a design
6. When your design is dry, apply a top coat, and voila! Perfect!
Bend the tip of a toothpick and moisten it so that it'll pick up the rhinestone easily
NOW NOW
Using an acrylic paint brush when your nail dries, the design won't come off!
I recommend
If you're using a watercolor paint brush, apply two coats of polish!

MITHON-A's HOBBY TALK!!

For anyone who's not interested, just skip it!

y'know, I love radio. I especially listen to Nippon Broadcasting and J-WAVE (FM) EXCLUSIVELY in the morning. While doing research, I've met radio DJ Suzuki Yuichi-san, who also DJ's at a club and is SO, so cool!! (Not a cat-man, though.) He's not like your typical image of a DJ, with the snappy patter, but instead has a calm and casual style that draws a legion of female fans. For me, listening to the radio has a soothing effect, so that's what it'll be for me from now on, too (<<slightly unclear>>)!

Also, about three years ago, my eyes and ears were opened to the wonders of musicals! What sparked my interest was seeing a production of Les Miserables, which made me decide that if I'm ever reincarnated, I've gotta become a musical theater star next time around!! (Uh-Oh! I lose you there? Why are you turning away?!). I know that with a musical, a lot of really talented people come together to produce just one work, but it's what I've been longing to take part in. I'd love to be able to share the responsibility of creating something. Anyway, if I saw Les Miz 50 times, I'd cry 50 times<<I really do cry every time I see it-probably because I'm just a big softie.>>! I've collected the London version of Les Miz on CD as well as the Broadway version, the French version, the international version (anyone know where they sell the three-disc set?!), the 10th anniversary concert version, and TWO Japanese versions (with Kaga-san and with Takita-san). I also have Evita (the American version, the London version, the German version, the movie version (with Madonna), and the Japanese version (the Toho Theatrical Company) and Elizabeth (the Vienna version, the original cast version, the Hungarian version, the Dutch version, and the Japanese version (Takarazuka, Hoshigumi) <PANT! PANT!>. Let's see, I've also got Phantom of the Opera, RENT, CATS, Singin' in the Rain, etc. So, yeah, I dig musicals!! But I also collect musical scores and thoroughly read the original works (and/or materials related to them). One of these days, I'll know enough to be a part of the musical world! When I listen to musicals, all my troubles are forgotten (<<happy-go-lucky>>). So the next time you're on the fourth floor of HMV Shibuya, if you see a fashionned woman in high neck, standing in front of the musical CD rack with a load of CDs in her arms, it may just be me. (LOL) 'Cause wherever I go to Shibuya, I just HAVE to go there! (To watch for me! <<Why?>> I've got plans to see Anne in April.

I'm also into para-para (style dancing). Recently, my mom has mastered the para-para moves for one song she complains "My upper arms are getting tired!" but is really doing her best (LOL). And so am I, for now at least. I think it really is good exercise for the arms!! Eventually, I wanna do para-para with my big sister, my little sister, and my mom at our house! It would be a lot of fun. Right now, a lot of para-para videos are being released, so kids and adults can have a good time doing para-para together! And that wraps up my hobby talk! My eyes are getting tired from writing all these letters.

-M

AYA...
M'DEAR... YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AWFULLY HAPPY RECENTLY.
AH.. O-OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU!
COME ON, SPILL IT!!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND OTO-HATA? SOMETHIN' GOOD?
THIS MAKES ME FEEL KINDA ... NOSTALGIC
WHEN I WAS A KID, I USED TO MAKE A LOT OF LITTLE BEAD CREATIONS BY MYSELF.
UH-HUH. AND?!
OTO-HATA-KUN SAID... HE DOESN'T HATE ME♡
AH, HERE YOU ARE!
WHAT THE --?!
AND WHAT? THAT'S IT.

GROAN!
ONLY THING IS, IT'S HARDER THAN I THOUGHT IT'D BE..
...BUT AS USUAL, I'VE GOT A CASH FLOW PROBLEM, SO I FIGURED I'D MAKE MY OWN!
RIGHT NOW, BEAD ACCESSORIES ARE REALLY HOT..
HUH. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ARTSY-CRAFTSY LIKE THAT, AYA!
YOU SERIOUS?! THEN MAKE ME A BRACELET WITH THESE SILVER BEADS!!!
WANT ME TO DO IT FOR YOU?
I'D SAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO, WEARING THOSE LONG NAILS.
TRY TO MAKE A FOOL OUTTA ME, WILLYA?!
PIECE OF JUNK, YOU'RE TOO WAY TOO SMALL!!
GETTING ANGRY AT THE BEADS ISN'T GOING TO MAKE IT ANY EASIER

AND THERE'S MORE! I'LL THROW IN SOME FREE DRINK COUPONS!
ME, TOO!
I'M GOING, TOO!
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA! MEISHO DAIICHI'S AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL, ISN'T IT?
ALL RIIIGHT! I'M AL-READY THERE!!
KOTO-BUKI! IIDA!
AN ENTIRE INSTITUTION FILLED WITH HORMONE-FUELED TEENAGE BOYS...? I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE BIT...
KYAA!
YAY!

HI!
CAN'T HE JUST SAY MY NAME?
WHAP
WHAP
HI, RAN'S BIG BROTH-ER!
ARE YOU ALONE TODAY, NUMBER TWO?
YO!
HEY THERE, RAN-CHAN!
AND, SPEAK-ING OF WHICH
YEAH. RE!'S TROLLING THE RECO-YA TO PRE-PARE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL FESTIVAL
...VOILA!! PASSES TO GET INTO THE MEISHO DAIICHI HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL!!
KEWL!!!
I HEARD IT WAS CALLED OFF LAST YEAR AFTER A BUNCH OF GIRLS MOBBED THE PLACE.
WANTED
RIGHT! THAT'S WHY, STARTING THIS YEAR, IF YOU WANNA GET IN, YOU GOTTA HAVE A TICKET.
ADMIT ONE

1-2
WHAT?!
YOU'RE GOING TO MEISHO DAIICHI'S FESTIVAL
?!
I HATE YOU SO MUCH !!!
.....
HMM... LEMME THINK ABOUT IT...
1,000 YEN?!
NOT A BAD DEAL...
I'LL BUY THE TICKET OFF OF YOU FOR 1,000 YEN!!
I WAS GONNA TELL 'EM THAT!
HEY, THAT WOULDN'T BE NICE TO NUMBER TWO-KUN!
RAN SAID SHE'S GONNA BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A HOTTIE!
AH! THAT REMINDS ME!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? I'M SO POOR, I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY ATTENTION!
I'M IN IF YOU ARE
PERHAPS AN UNDER-THE-TABLE DEAL?

MORNING, NAKASEN!
IT'S "GOOD MORNING," NOT "HIYA!"
.....
HIYA, NAKASEN!
GOOD MORNING!
YEAH, AS SOON AS WE TURNED UP THE HEAT, WE WERE ON FIRE!
AH, IT WAS NOTHIN', RIGHT?!
I WAS SO PROUD OF YOU!
THAT'LL DO. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB AT THE SPORTS FESTIVAL.
PLUS, I FINALLY GOT TO TROUNCE MY NEMESIS, GUNJO-SENSE!
SO, I WAS MOVED BY YOUR EFFORT
THESE DAYS, A LOT OF STUDENTS DON'T HAVE ANY ENTHUSIASM AT ALL
I NEVER EXPECTED TO HEAR THAT KIND OF TALK FROM YOU!!
HAHAHA! "NEMESIS," HE SAYS!
JUST LIKE THIS!!
SIZZLE!!
SIZZLE!!
BOING
BOING
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!

AND I'M STARVING THE WHOLE TIME!
YEAH, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S WITH GUNJO!
UGH! HAVING GYM FIRST PERIOD SUCKS!
RAN, YOU COMING?
SORRY...
...GO AHEAD. I'LL MEET YOU IN THE LOCKER ROOM.
OKAY
HEY!
KOTO-BUKI-SAN...
REMEMBER ME? YOU WERE THE LAST PERSON I TOOK DOWN DURING THE CHICKEN FIGHT.
SO, HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN, AFTER THE FESTIVAL?
?

HERE!
I MADE YOUR BRACE-LET!
ALL RIGHT!!
THIS IS TOO COOL!!!
LUCKY RAN! I WANT YOU TO MAKE ONE FOR ME!
THANKS! I'LL NEVER TAKE IT OFF!
TRY IT ON! TRY IT ON!
WHAT, AYA MADE THAT?!
SWEET
AND CUTE TO BOOT!
PRETTY GOOD, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
TA-DAAA! HOW'S IT LOOK?!

I'M NOT GOOD AT SPORTS, MYSELF, SO FRANKLY ...
...IT'S HELL.
.....
IN P.E., THEY TREAT ME LIKE I DON'T EVEN EXIST...
NOW, LISTEN ...
...IF YOU EVEN START TO BELIEVE THAT IT WAS YOUR FAULT YOUR CLASS LOST, THEN GUNJO WINS.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL BE OSTRACIZED FOREVER.
SO, KEEP YOUR COOL AND IGNORE THEM.
HEY. DON'T YOU LET YOURSELF GET BRAINWASHED BY THAT JERK.
AND IF IT'S TOUGH TO BE IN YOUR CLASS, COME AND VISIT US IN CLASS 2.
WE'RE ALL FRIENDS THERE AND COOL, TOO!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
I WISH ...
...BUT, IT'S LIKE I'VE BEEN MADE THE SCAPEGOAT FOR US LOSING THAT DAY.
...I'M BEING IGNORED BY THE MAJORITY OF MY CLASS.
RIGHT NOW...
AT FIRST... GUNJO MADE IT A POINT TO BLATANTLY GIVE ME THE COLD SHOULDER ...
...AND THEN, HIS ATTITUDE SPREAD LIKE A VIRUS THROUGH THE CLASS
WHAT THE HECK?
GUNJO PLAYS FAVORITES?
LET'S JUST SAY THAT WE'VE GOT A LOT OF JOCKS IN MY CLASS, SO IF YOU'RE NOT PARTICULARLY COORDINATED, HE FINDS IT OFFENSIVE!

I DON'T LIKE YOUR ATTI-TUDE.
MAKE IT TWENTY LAPS.
WHAT IS THAT, LIKE A SLAP ON THE WRIST?
JUST TEN LAPS, HUH?

I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO MAKE HER RUN TWENTY LAPS WITH-OUT EVEN ASKING WHY SHE WAS LATE!
GUNJO-SENSEI!
TWENTY LAPS?
NO PROB!
HOLD IT!!
I'LL BE DONE WITH TWENTY LAPS BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!
THIS IS MY CLASS. I DECIDE WHAT'S FAIR OR UNFAIR. SO, KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.

DING DONG
DING DONG
OKAY.
I'LL TRY TO STICK IT OUT A LITTLE MORE.
THANKS FOR BRINGING IT UP!
YEAH, SURE!
SEE YA 'ROUND!
YOU'RE FIVE MINUTES LATE.
AS A PENALTY, GIVE ME TEN LAPS AROUND THE SCHOOL.
...KOTO-BUKI.

THEN YOU'RE BEHAVING JUST LIKE A SPOILED BRAT!
HEH.
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
BUT, I GUESS TALKING TO PROBLEM STUDENTS LIKE YOU IS A WASTE OF BREATH!!
SO, JUST GIVE ME THIRTY LAPS!!
YOU CALL ME A "PROBLEM STUDENT?!"
IS THAT WHAT YOU LABEL ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T ABIDE BY YOUR RULES?
SO, STUDENTS WHO DO EXACTLY AS YOU SAY ARE "GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS?"
THE WAY I SEE IT, THE ONLY "PROBLEM CHILD" AROUND HERE IS YOU!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?
I'M THE TEACHER HERE. SO, YOU BETTER FIX THAT FLIP ATTITUDE RIGHT NOW.
WELL, AS LONG AS WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT, WHY DON'T YOU TRY WORKING ON YOUR OWN ROTTEN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE STUDENTS?
DON'T YOU TALK BACK TO ME!!
AND I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT ACCESSORIES AREN'T ALLOWED IN CLASS!!
SNATCH
SNATCH

>>>For example, I thought of having Ran alone on the cover, but that'd look kinda lonely with the three main characters on the cover, the layout would be too similar to the previous covers if I had them moving on the cover, then I couldn't have them in a close up. And on and on my mind went, running through the possibilities, and in the end, I still ended up with a cover, far too similar (sigh-sorry for using the same pattern over and over I plan on coming up with something better for volume four. However, I really like the primary colors of the cover art - always have fun throwing the colors together and try to make it so that, upon completion of the art, it looks like the colors are working in harmony with each other and not clashing. These days, I'm into yellow, which is why it's used as the base color for the cover!!! Otherwise, not much is new with me recently. I've been reading books, playing with Timothy with stuffed animals, taking walks, going for dinner...In other words, same old, same old. But that's fine with me, as every day is a lot of fun♡ How are all of you doing?

HOLD THAT THOUGHT !!
SQUEEZE
WHAT ?! YOU LITTLE ...
YOU'D BETTER UNROLL THAT FIST...
...'CAUSE YOU'VE GOT A CLASS FULL OF WITNESSES RIGHT HERE.
HA!
I'LL THROW IN AN EXTRA TEN AND DO FIFTY !!
...GET GOING WITH THOSE LAPS! FORTY OF 'EM !!
.....

I'LL MAKE YOU A STRONGER ONE, THAT CAN'T BE RIPPED APART BY ANGRY TEACHERS!
I'M WITH YOU!
ALL RIGHT, THEN!! WE CAN FORGET ALL ABOUT TODAY'S NONSENSE AND FOCUS ON HAVING A BLAST AT MEISHO DAIICHI'S FESTIVAL!!
WE CAN?

THAT AWFUL TEACHER IS UNBELIEVABLE! GOD, HE TICKS ME OFF!!
WATER... WATER!!
GO LAP
NOBODY RUNS FIFTY LAPS AROUND THE SCHOOL!!
I KNOW.
THERE'S NOTHING THAT GETS UNDER MY SKIN MORE THAN A SELF-ABSORBED ADULT...
...BUT IF I LET MYSELF GET BUMMED OUT HERE, I LOSE!
THIS THING LOOKS LIKE IT COULD GET MESSY, SO ALL OF YOU, STAY OUT OF IT!
ALL RIGHT, BUT JUST KNOW THAT I'VE GOT YOUR BACK, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME
THANKS.
AYA, AS FOR YOU...
...I'M REALLY SORRY. YOU WENT TO ALL THAT TROUBLE MAKING THE BRACELET FOR ME...
RAN, IT'S OKAY! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

GU B GU B
ASO-KUN ♡
KYAAA! THERE'S ASO-KUN!!!
HA HA
OOF!!
CAN I HAVE ONE OF YOUR BUTTONS?!
CAN I HAVE YOUR BAG?!
CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTO-GRAPH?!
LEMME TAKE A PIC-TURE!
HE'S EVEN CUTER IN PERSON!!
CAN I HAVE YOUR SCHOOL PIN?
I ALMOST FORGOT THAT THAT'S WHY WE CALL HIM "NUMBER TWO..."
YEAH. WASN'T HE THE NUMBER TWO HIGH SCHOOL HUNK?
... REALLY IS POPU-LAR.
NUM-BER TWO-KUN ...
DODODODODO
WHERE ARE YOU?!
OTO-HATA-KUN!
NOW LET'S TRY TO FIND OTO-HATA-KUN!!

THE 33RD ANNUAL MEISHO DAIICHI HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL
NUMBER TWO-KUN SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE ...
HOTTIES !! HOTTIES !!
WOW. SURE IS A DIFFER-ENT ATMO-SPHERE AT AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL

GALS! PRODUCTION NOTES

Here's a quiz: what one thing do I nearly forget to do while making every single story?!
TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK
(The ticking of a clock)
Time's up-up-up-up-up
(<<stupid)
The correct answer is Ran's red streak!
True!! I almost forget to put it in every time. Putting in the red streak is the last thing I do when I'm doing the screen toning, but somehow it slips my mind!!!
"Huh? Somehow, this page looks off", say to myself, having no idea why, and having no time to really think about, since it's crunch time, right before deadline! Finally, though, it hits me. "Ahhh. Her red streak." And then have to work double time to put it in with minutes to spare! (LOL) That's if I'm lucky. I've now, I've forgotten a number of times with no last-minute saves when the story gets collected here, in trade paperback form, I try to fix each mistake and put in the streak, but if you find any panel where Ran has streakless hair, please don't get mad at me.

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Y'KNOW, I THINK HE'S ALONE, SO...
...WHY DON'T YOU STOP BY?
...OKAY.
GOOD IDEA. WHY DON'T YOU STOP BY?
YEAH, WHY DON'T YOU STOP BY?
GOOD LUCK!
WE'LL JUST BE BURA-BURA AROUND HERE!
WELL... I'M GONNA ...UM, STOP BY!

WORN-OUT
H-HEY, GUYS..
NUM-BER TWO...
HUFF HUFF
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SUPER SHAVE!
I'M THINKING ABOUT EVACUATING TO A SECURE LOCATION...
...THAT WAS THE THIRD WAVE TODAY.
YEAH...
REI TOOK SHELTER FROM THE START! HE'S HUNKERED DOWN IN THE THIRD FLOOR RADIO STUDIO, SPENDING THE DAY PLAYING BACK-GROUND MUSIC FOR THE FEST
UM... WHERE'S OTO-HATA-KUN?
YEP! THERE ARE A LOTTA BABES OUT THERE!!
NO WONDER LAST YEAR'S FEST WAS CANCELED...

AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! WHY DON'T YOU ALL ENTER TODAY'S QUEEN CONTEST?!
WHAT HAVE WE HERE? SOME HOT GALS ALL IN A ROW!
QUEEN CONTEST??
REALLY? SO, YOU BROKE UP WITH THAT LAST GUY?
YOU GOT IT! I'M LOOKIN' FOR A NEW MAN!
I FEEL YOU! YOU WANT MY ADVICE, I'D STAY AWAY FROM GAL-GUYS!
YEAH... ...HE WAS ALL SURFACE, NO UNDERNEATH, Y'KNOW? 'SIDES, I'M NOT PUTTING UP WITH ANY GUY WHO CHEATS ON ME!
EVEN BETTER, SHE GETS TO KEEP THE TIARA AND A COUPON WORTH 20,000 YEN IN CDS!
YEAH, ONE GIRL OUT OF EVERYBODY HERE GETS TO BE CROWNED QUEEN FOR THE DAY!
KA-CHING!!
QUEEN!!!
20,000 YEN!!!

I'D LIKE TO HAVE THREE ICED TEAS, TOM.
ME, TOO!
NOODLES
OKAY, I'LL GET IT.
NUMBER TWO, I'M THIRSTY! I COULD GO FOR SOME ICED TEA!
LET ME GIVE YOU THE GRAND TOUR.
AH!!
GRAB
MAMI-RIN!!!
K-KOTOBUKI?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! AND WHERE DID "MAMI-RIN" COME FROM?!
HELLO...!!
WHAT D'YOU MEAN? WE'RE PALSY-WALSIES, AREN'T WE?! WHAT'RE YOU HERE FOR? GUY-HUNTING?
UGH!

AYA.
UM... YEAH! AND I HEARD YOU WERE IN HERE, SO I JUST THOUGHT I'D, UH, DROP BY.
..YOU CAME TO THE FEST.
I DIDN'T KNOW..
HUH.
THE BACK-GROUND MUSIC IS GREAT.
ARE THEY ALL YOUR PICKS?
YEP.
UM...

WE'LL PASS... THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD WIN.
SIGN ME UP!!!
COOL! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

CREAK
EX-CUSE ME...
WHO IS IT?

THIRD FLOOR RADIO STUDIO ...
...MUST BE HERE...
Radio S

THAT'S OKAY.
YOUR JUST LETTING ME STAY IN HERE WITH YOU...
...MAKES ME HAPPY.
THERE AREN'T MANY...
...INNOCENT GIRLS LIKE YOU AROUND THESE DAYS.
YOU THINK SO?

THANKS.
UM... SURE! THIS?
70s DISCO HITS DELUXE
THAT ONE
IF I'M IN YOUR WAY HERE, I'LL GO BACK.
HAND ME THE ALBUM WITH THE BLUE JACKET.
WHAT?
REALLY? GREAT!
THEN... I'M GONNA WATCH YOU, OKAY?
NOTHIN' REALLY INTEREST-ING TO SEE...
NO, YOU CAN STICK AROUND
WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.
70s DISCO HITS DELUXE

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO.
SHOULD I BE SERIOUS.. OR FLIRTA-TIOUS?
I'VE NEVER FALLEN IN LOVE TILL NOW.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME... I'VE LIKED ANYONE... THIS MUCH.
SOB
THERE YOU GO AGAIN.

I S'POSE, IN GEN-ERAL...
...ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT A GIRL LIKE RAN?
NO PRES-SURE...
FOR ME..
..IT'S MUCH EASIER TO GO OUT WITH A MORE... CASUAL KIND OF GIRL
NO PRESSURE TO TAKE THE WHOLE THING SERIOUSLY THAT WAY.
THEN... THEN I'LL TRY AND BE MORE LIKE RAN!
I CAN DYE MY HAIR! AND... AND I'LL NEVER CRITICIZE ANY-THING YOU DO!
SEE, I'M A PRETTY SELFISH, DO-WHAT-I-WANNA-DO TYPE OF GUY
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAY-ING.
YOU SHOULD STAY JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.
THEN...
...THEN WHAT CAN I DO TO BE CLOSE TO YOU?

I MIGHT HURT YOU WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT.
BUT, EVEN SO, YOU STILL WANT TO...?
YES...
...EVEN IF YOU HURT ME... I'LL LOVE YOU...

♪Night of fi
YOU QUIT IT !!
MAMI-CHAN!
RAN-CHAN!
QUIT COPY-ING ME !!
KANJI ?!
I'M GONNA BE HUMAN KANJI!!
NEXT !!!
SNAP CUTE!!!
I'M AYU AND I LOVE EATING IN-NAROS !
GRR!
I'M GONNA DO HAMA-SAKI AYUMI!
NEXT !!!
TCH!!
LOOK!!! "INOCHI !!!"
THE KANJI FOR "LIFE !!!"
BWAHAHA

MEISHO 1 5TH QUEEN CONTEST
NOW, HONAN HIGH SCHOOL'S KOTOBUKI RAN-CHAN AND HIGASHI-IKEBU-KURO HIGH SCHOOL'S HONDA MAMI-CHAN WILL HAVE TO DUKE IT OUT!!
...LEAVING US WITH ONLY TWO CONTEND-ERS FOR THE CROWN!!
THE RESULTS FOR OUR FIFTH ANNUAL QUEEN CONTEST ARE IN..
WOW
LET'S BEGIN WITH A PERSONAL SALES PITCH!!!
I'M NUMBER ONE, HONDA MAMI!! AND I'M GONNA DANCE PARA-PARA FOR YOU!!
I'M NUMBER ONE, KOTOBUKI RAN!! AND I'M GONNA DANCE PARA-PARA FOR YOU!!

>>Another thing I'm likely to forget is the gradations in Miyu's hair! Just as with Ran, not having that one small pony makes Miyu not look like Miyu without the gradations, something looks off with her. And that's not all! Sometimes, I also have trouble keeping track of all the accessories the different characters wear. I've had a few panicky episodes over this (LOL)
On the other hand, I love drawing accessories and clothes, so styling the characters up is a lot of fun♡

GALS! Research

· Fell for the second time wearing high heels!! How embarrassing! The place was @FRONT · Dangerous (LOL) Right in front of the entrance!!! Gotta be later (LOL)

NEXT

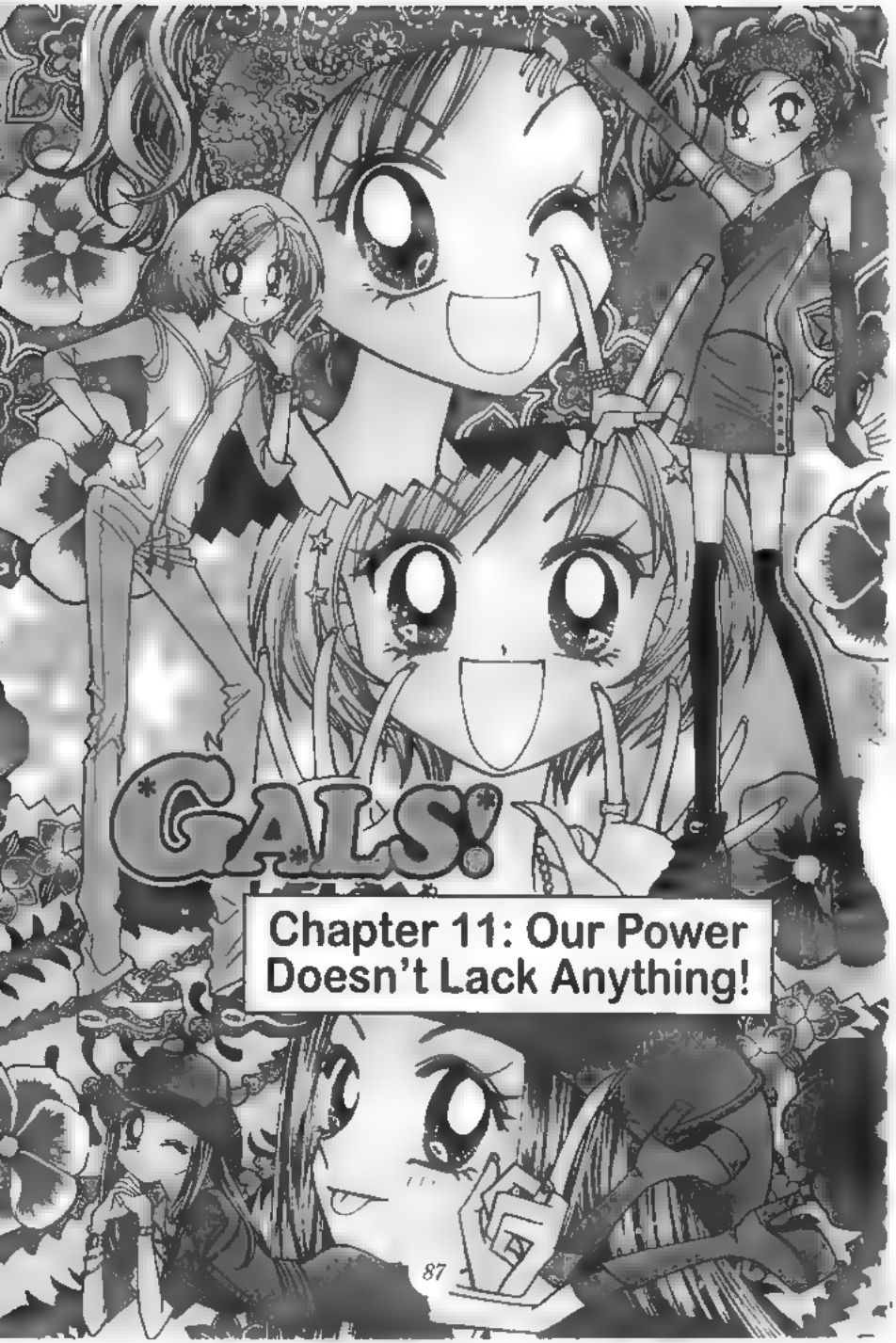
>>CONTINUED

ALL RIGHT. BE CAREFUL. I'LL SEE RAN HOME WHEN SHE'S FINISHED UP HERE
ANY-WAY, IT'S GETTING LATE, SO I'D BETTER BE GOING HOME.
HA-RUE, BUH-BYE!
UH.. YEAH BUH-BYE!

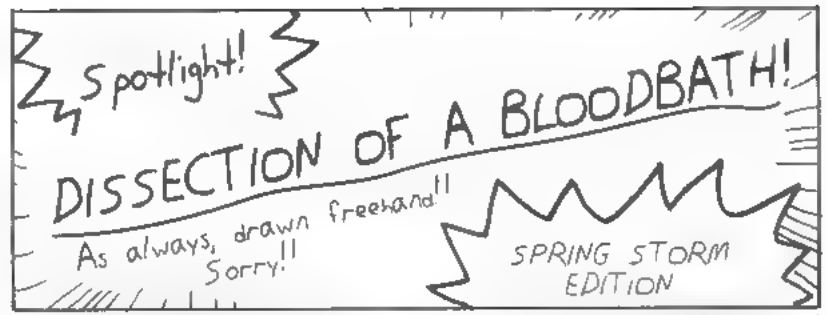
HEY! THAT'S NOT FAIR!! I'M GONNA DO IT TOO!
..DOING "LOVE MACHINE !!!"
I'M GONNA BE ALL EIGHT MEM-BERS OF MORNING MUSUME ..
NEXT !!
WAWAWA
YEAH. THERE'S NO LIMIT TO HOW LOW THEY'LL STOOP TO WIN ..
I'M KINDA SORRY I ASKED 'EM TO PARTI-CIPATE ..

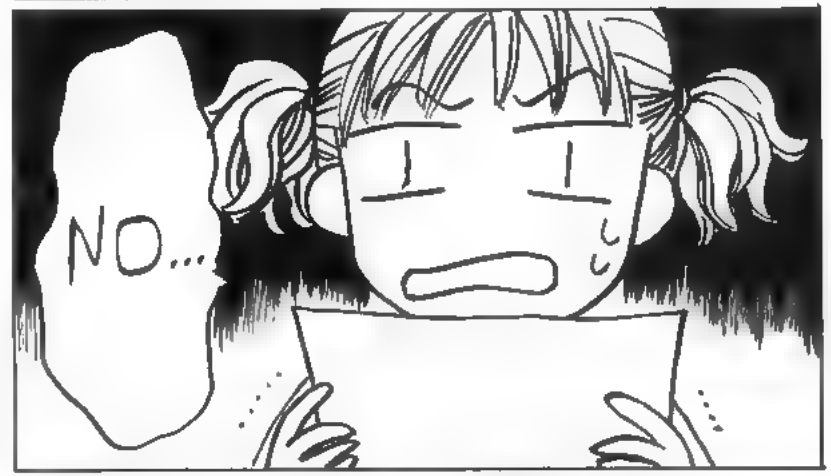
I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP THE QUEEN'S TIARA !!!
I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP THAT 20,000 YEN CD COUPON !!!
WHAT?!
...WHICH MEANS THAT WE'VE GOT A TIE!!!
OH, I GET IT! YOU KEEP THE CD COUPON AND I GET THE TIARA!
WHA--?! WAIT A MINUTE. MAYBE I SPOKE TOO SOON!
WHA?!
ALL WE DID HERE TODAY WAS MAKE OUR-SELVES LOOK LIKE FOOLS IN PUBLIC ?!
WAIT A SECOND !! WHAT ABOUT SEARCH-ING FOR MY HOTTIE ?!
WE'LL SEE YOU AT NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL! G'NIGHT, EVERY-BODY!
G'NIGHT!
...both girls thought, while engaging in meaning-less battle.
"It's hard to find a hottie..."
Chapter 10: End

I WAS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!
NOT FUNNY!
IF SOME WEIRD GUY CAME UP TO ME, I'D SEND 'IM FLYING TO THE MOON WITH ONE PUNCH POWERED BY LOVE!
I'D BE ALL RIGHT !!
BOTH OF OUR LADIES HERE ARE EVENLY MATCHED ...
AND NOW, I'LL ANNOUNCE THE JUDGES' DECISION.
PANT PANT PANT
YOU BETTER NOT BE MAKING FUN OF ME!
AHHHH... I'LL NEVER FIND A GUY COOLER THAN YOU, YAMATO-KUN!



Chapter 11: Our Power Doesn't Lack Anything!





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☆ NAIL ART CLINIC STEP 3!! (APPLICATION EDITION)

Before, I talked about putting nail chips on your nails however, if your nails seem delicate, then I wouldn't advise putting sticky stuff on 'em. Also, you might have to take off the chips when you go to school and such and can only wear them on your day off. Plus, whenever you remove the chips, you need to use a special remover so using nail chips may be a royal pain so now I recommend using nail stickers instead. You can apply stickers by using double-sided scotch tape, cut into a shape that'll fit your nail. The only thing, applying and reapplying this tape makes it lose its stickiness, so try to get it right where you want it on your nail in one shot.

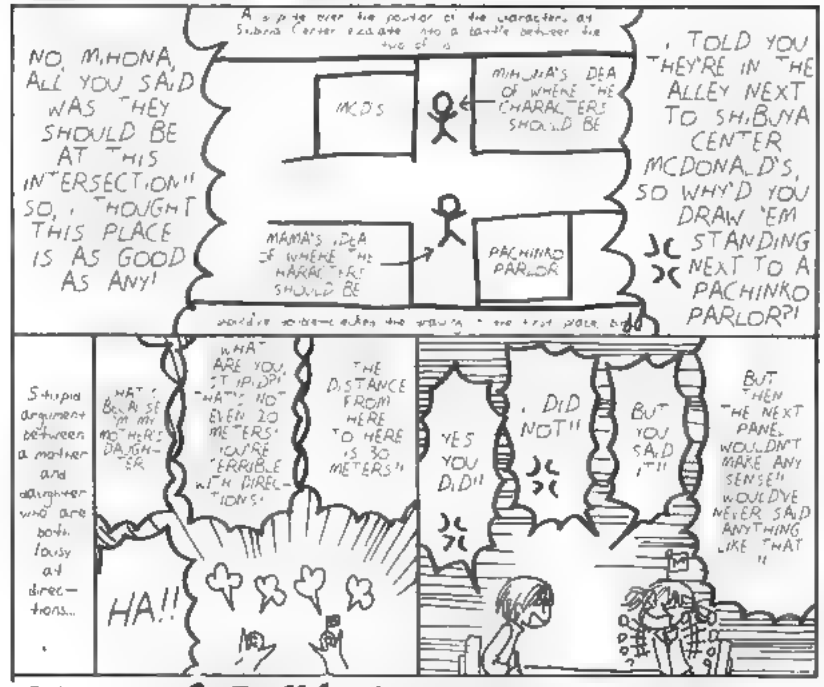
Also..

you can combine rhinestones and pretty stickers (for example, the ones often included in Ribon)

Or you can put lame polish on top of your base

Experiment to see what works best for you!!

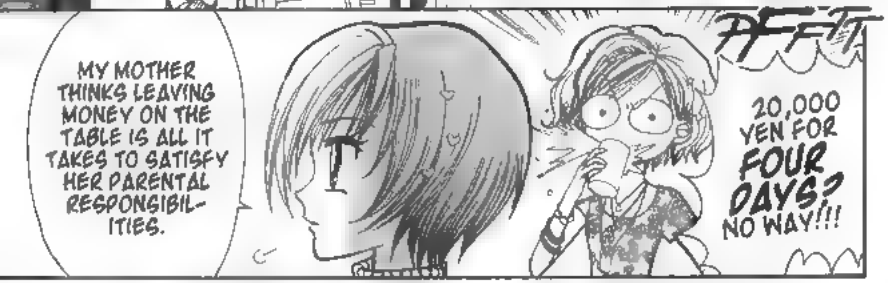
DISSECTION OF A BLOODBATH! 2


A page over the panels of the characters as Sabrina Carter escalates into a battle between the two of us
NO, MIHONA, ALL YOU SAID WAS "THEY SHOULD BE AT THIS INTERSECTION" SO, I THOUGHT THIS PLACE IS AS GOOD AS ANY!
MCD'S
MIHONA'S IDEA OF WHERE THE CHARACTERS SHOULD BE
MAMA'S IDEA OF WHERE THE CHARACTERS SHOULD BE
PACHINKO PARLOR
I TOLD YOU THEY'RE IN THE ALLEY NEXT TO SHIBUYA CENTER MCDONALD'S, SO WHY'D YOU DRAW 'EM STANDING NEXT TO A PACHINKO PARLOR?!
Stupid argument between a mother and daughter who are both lousy at directions...
WHAT'S BECAUSE I'M MY MOTHER'S DAUGHTER
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID? "WHAT" NO" EVEN 20 METERS" YOU'RE "TERRIBLE WITH DIRECTIONS"
THE DISTANCE FROM HERE TO HERE IS 30 METERS!!
HA!!
YES YOU DID!!
I DID NOT!!
BUT YOU SAID IT!!
BUT THEN THE NEXT PANEL WOULDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!! I WOULD'VE NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!
KACHING
CRACKLE
AND THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT MY FAULT!!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT, SO YOU REDO THE PANEL!
The only time neither of us give a shit when we're in a bind like this
>>Continued in Bloodbath! 3

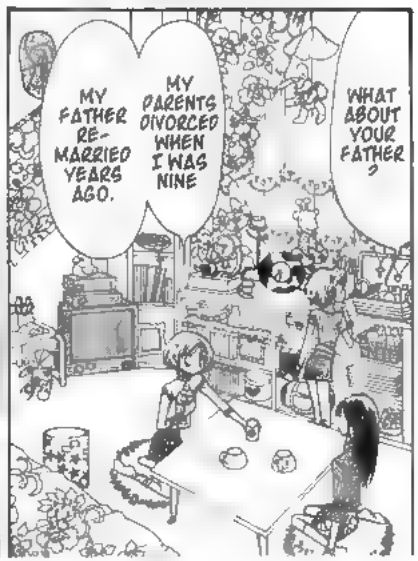
OTO-HATA-KUN!
HEY.
COLD TODAY, ISN'T IT?
SHOULD WE GO INSIDE SOME-WHERE?
BASH
SORRY.
THEY CALLED ME IN TO WORK.
...OH. OKAY. WHAT CAN YOU DO, RIGHT?
DON'T WORK TOO HARD!
I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU NEXT TIME.
SEE YA.

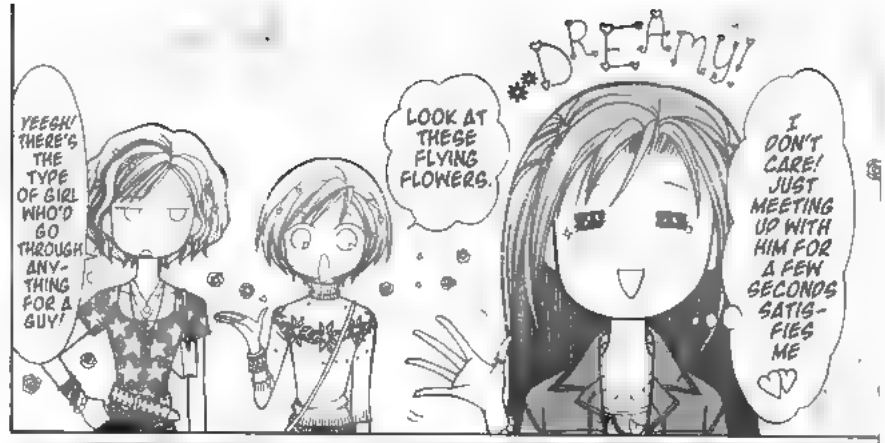
MAYBE I'LL GET SOME EYE-LINER..
SO, I GUESS 100 YEN SHOPS ARE RAN'S IDEA OF HEAVEN, HUH?
THAT, PLUS THREE BOTTLES OF NAIL POLISH, LIP GLOSS, EYE SHADOW, FACE PACK, LAME, A RING..
YESSS !!!!
...COMES TO EXACTLY 1,000 YEN!!
ACTU-ALLY, I'M MEETING OTO-HATA-KUN AFTER THIS
HOW ABOUT YOU, AYA?
AWE-SOME! LET'S GO!!
OH! HERE HE COMES!
YOU MEAN... YOU'VE GOT A DATE?!
WANNA COME OVER?
I HAVE LEFT-OVER BLEACH AT MY PLACE.
AH!
I FORGOT ABOUT THE BLEACH I WANNA GET AT MATSU KIYO'S !!
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY !!
GONG

HELP YOURSELF.
MIND IF I GRAB SOME JUICE?
YOUR MOM'S NOT HOME TODAY?
SHE LEFT ME 20,000 YEN THIS TIME, WHICH MEANS SHE'S OFF WITH HER BOYFRIEND FOR FOUR DAYS


MY MOTHER THINKS LEAVING MONEY ON THE TABLE IS ALL IT TAKES TO SATISFY HER PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES.
PFFT
20,000 YEN FOR FOUR DAYS? NO WAY!!!

OH. I DIDN'T KNOW.
IS THIS THE BLEACH?
HEY, THERE'S A LOT LEFT!
I'M OKAY WITH IT.
IT'S LIKE LIVING ALONE. KINDA NICE, HAVING NO ONE TELLING ME WHAT TO DO


WHAT ABOUT YOUR FATHER?
MY PARENTS DIVORCED WHEN I WAS NINE
MY FATHER RE-MARRIED YEARS AGO.


DREAMY!
I DON'T CARE! JUST MEETING UP WITH HIM FOR A FEW SECONDS SATISFIES ME
LOOK AT THESE FLYING FLOWERS.
YEESH! THERE'S THE TYPE OF GIRL WHO'D GO THROUGH ANYTHING FOR A GUY!

WOW! THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE EVER!
IT'S SMALL, BUT MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME!

AHHH! MY LIFE IS EMPTY!!
OH, NO... I JUST REALIZED, AS IT STANDS NOW, I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE WITHOUT A BOYFRIEND!
HEY, LET'S HAVE A PIZZA PARTY!!
SLAP
I'LL HAVE SEAFOOD WITH CRISPY CRUST!
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
HEY, ARE YOU EVEN PAYING ATTENTION?!
WE'RE LISTENING, WE'RE LISTENING!
MUCH!!
ANYWAY, AYA... HAVE YOU AND OTOHATA ALREADY KISSED? HE SEEMS LIKE A FAST PLAYA!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WE'VE HARDLY STARTED GOING OUT...!
GOOD IDEA!!
WELL, HEY, LET'S CELEBRATE YOUR BOYFRIEND-GIRLFRIEND UNION WITH OTOHATA!! YOU CAN TREAT US TO SOMETHING!!
WAIT A MINUTE. SHOULDN'T THAT BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND?
LOVE

AYA
...YOU'RE STILL LYING TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT GOING TO CRAM SCHOOL, RIGHT?
IF THEY FIND OUT, WON'T YOU'LL REALLY BE IN FOR IT?
ALL RIGHT, LET THE BLEACHING BEGIN!
LEMME BORROW A TOWEL, TOO, 'KAY?
BOTH OF MY PARENTS ARE ULTRA-STRICT AND THEY'RE ALWAYS AROUND TO LECTURE ME. IT REALLY GETS ON MY NERVES.
YEAH, I GUESS I CAN SEE YOUR POINT.
HAVE YOU SEEN HITOE'S HAIR, YOU KNOW, FROM "SPEED?" NOW SHE'S WEARING IT LONG WITH ALL THESE RED STREAKS. MAYBE I'LL LET MY HAIR GROW OUT!
I MEAN, THEY EXPECT TOO MUCH OF ME, ALL BECAUSE THEY THINK THEIR OWN CORPORATE LIVES HAVE BEEN TOO ORDINARY.
YEAH... BUT, NO MATTER HOW I EXPLAINED IT TO 'EM, THEY'D NEVER UNDERSTAND.
BUT, EVEN NOW, I CAN WEAR EXTENSIONS TO MAKE MY HAIR LONGER! DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM? MEGA-EXPENSIVE, THOUGH! AND WIGS COST AN ARM AND A LEG, TOO!
WHAT'S A GAL SUPPOSED TO DO?!
NOTE RAN
YEAH, WELL, BEING WITH YOUR PARENTS MAY BE BETTER THAN BEING LEFT TO YOUR OWN DEVICES. I NEVER EVEN GET TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH MY MOTHER!

YOUR INCOMPE-TENCE MADE US LOSE!
WE DON'T NEED A SPAZ LIKE YOU IN OUR CLASS!
YOU KNOW GUNJO-SENSEI HATES YOUR GUTS, DON'T YOU?
HUH?
I'VE SEEN THAT GIRL SOME-WHERE BEFORE
BULLYING AT 12 O'CLOCK!
UH-OH.
GRAB
I ASKED YOU A QUES-TION!
...WHY DO YOU STILL BOTHER COMING TO SCHOOL ?!
TELL US...

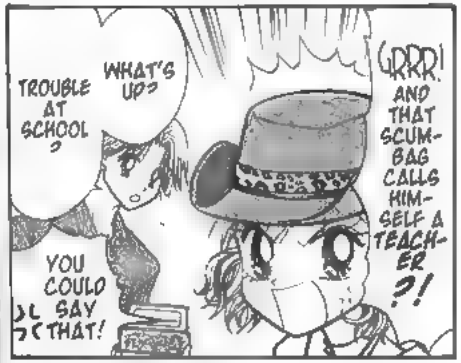
I OVERDID IT ON THE BLEACH YESTER-DAY!
LOOK AT THIS HAIR! IT'S AS DRIED OUT AS OLD BREAD!
MMM... YEAH, BUT NOW, IF YOU DYE YOUR HAIR BLONDE OR WHATEVER, YOUR HAIR WILL DIE!
BUT, I DIG THE CHESTNUT COLOR! HEH HEH!
YOU'VE GOTTA TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR HAIR!
MY HAIR'S STRONG!
IAKAZAWA:
...YOU MAKE ME WANNA PUKE!
YOU'RE LIKE A WALKING EYESORE!

NICE PORTRAYAL OF "JUSTICE" THERE...
...KOTO-BUKI.
LET'S JUST GO.
SCREW IT. I'M NOT IN THE MOOD ANY-MORE.
EASY, MIYU.
HEY...!
BY ALL MEANS, TELL THEM.
THOUGH, I DOUBT ANYONE WOULD BELIEVE A PROBLEM CHILD LIKE YOU.
Y'KNOW, YOU REALLY ARE ONE PATHETIC EXCUSE FOR A TEACHER.
AND ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'M GONNA SHOW EVERY-ONE WHAT YOU'RE REALLY LIKE.

HOLD THE PHONE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TO MY BUDDY HERE?
YOU LOSERS MAY HAVE SWEET FACES, BUT MAN, ARE YOU NASTY!
GREAT. KOTO-BUKI RAN.
WHAT?
ARE YOU ON TAKA-ZAWA'S SIDE?
BELIEVE ME, IF YOU MAKE AN ENEMY OF GUNJO SENSEI, YOU'LL BE IN A WORLD OF HURT.
...YOU SOUND LIKE GUNJO'S LAP-DOGS!
YOU CAN THINK WHAT YOU WANT!
WE'RE JUST DOING WHAT HE TELLS US TO, IS ALL.
!
THERE'S JUST NO SENSE IN GOING UP AGAINST GUNJO!
'CAUSE IF WE AS MUCH AS LIFTED A FINGER TO HELP TAKA-ZAWA OUT, WE'D GET THE SAME TREAT-MENT SHE'S GETTING

I'M THINKING GUNJO SENSEI DELIBERATELY MADE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF TAKAZAWA-SAN FOR THE OTHERS. YOU KNOW, "DISPLEASE ME AND YOU'LL END UP LIKE HER!"
MAYBE, BUT HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED THAT EVERYONE IN CLASS 4 HAS THIS DULL LOOK IN THEIR EYES?

NUMMY!!
OKAY, OKAY! HERE, TAKOYAKI WILL SOOTHE YOUR INNER BEAST!
JEEZ
I MEAN, WHAT IF A FIGHT BREAKS OUT AND YOU GET HURT?
ACTUALLY, YOU'VE GOT ME KINDA WORRIED.


WHAT'S UP?
TROUBLE AT SCHOOL?
YOU COULD SAY THAT!
GRRR! AND THAT SCUMBAG CALLS HIMSELF A TEACHER?!

WAD WAD
SHUT UP AND LEAVE ME ALONE !!!
COULD YOU SAY THEY'RE NAIVE? OR JUST PLAIN
WHAT COULD YOU SAY ABOUT SOMEONE WHO'S OVERLY EAGER TO JUMP INTO A MESS OF TROUBLE?

RAN...
JEEZ, THAT EVIL JERK MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL
YOU OKAY?
YEAH THANKS.
AND THE P.T.A. THINKS GUNJO SENSEI IS GOD'S GIFT TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION
WELL, IT'S A FACT THE STUDENTS OF CLASS 4 GET HIGHER GRADES IN GYM THAN ANY OTHER HOMEROOM CLASS
UM... I'LL HAVE TWO TAKOYAKIS. WITH SWEET SAUCE
YOU GOT IT

>>At the time, it was still cold outside, which is why I was wearing boots! The way it happened was, a front had just opened its doors and I was all psyched to get in there, paying no heed to where my feet were stepping, and BOOM! Lucky, it was Shibuya, where nobody gives a moment's pause over someone who's fallen down! LOL! Maybe they think something like, Oops, there goes another one. Heh heh. Recently, the number of women wearing slightly high-heeled sandals is increasing, which are definitely stylish but take a lot of guts to wear when you consider that the sidewalk tiles in Shibuya are full of bumps and indentations, and there are many sloping streets! It's quite a mean feat to navigate your way, especially if your knee is narrow, since it could easily plunge into the cracks between the tiles! LOL!!!
But let me change the subject! These days, my mom's courage is building up nicely! When on a recent research trek to Harajuku, she found herself in the middle of a street, right within a milling throng of young people, but she stood her ground and flashed away with her camera. Even at a certain building that was patrolled by a security guard, she stealthily snapped her shots and snuck out, evading capture! LOL! Meanwhile, I was off to the side, merely whispering orders to my mom! Nice, easy job for me!

>>NEXT

AND RAN'S TAKING A STAND AGAINST HIM.
YEAH, AND...?
THE CLASS 4 TEACHER IS A MAJOR LOWLIFE!
BUT, IT'S NOT HER FAULT!
BUT, I HATE TO SEE HER STAND THERE ALONE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO?
.....

BRING IT ON!
WAD
AND WE NEVER ALLOW EVEN A SINGLE EVIL TO FLOURISH !!!
IT DOES SEEM LIKE THE KIND OF SHOW RAN-CHAN WOULD BE INTO.
IS RAN GETTING, LIKE, ALL POWER RANGERS ON US?
WE NEVER LOSE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL!
HEH HEH! NEVER UNDER-ESTIMATE GAL POWER!!

I COULD USE A LITTLE MORE LAME, DON'TCHA THINK?
LET ME PUT SOME ON, TOO.
HOPE-FULLY, IF I CAN LOOK A LITTLE BIT LIKE HER, I CAN BE LIKE HER, TOO!
I LOVE THE AYU MAKE-UP!!
AHHH! BUSTED !!
SWISH
HEY, YOU GIRLS! YOU KNOW MAKEUP ISN'T ALLOWED IN SCHOOL !!
KYAAA! RETREAT !!! RUN !!
KYAAA!
I'M CON-FIS-CATING ALL OF IT!
HERE! THIS IS THE MAKEUP THAT HAMA-SAKI AYU USES!
AND HERE'S THE KINDA MAKEUP THAT OLIVIA USES!!

I KNOW YOU DO.
THAT'S WHY, IF YOU DO CHOOSE TO ACT, YOU CAN'T SHIFT THE BLAME TO ANYONE ELSE.
I'M NOT A CHILD ANY-MORE!
AND I KNOW HOW TO BE PATIENT!
WELL, MIYU, Y'KNOW...
...WHEN YOU GET OUT INTO THE WORLD, YOU'LL FIND THERE'S A LOT OF INJUSTICE.
MY THEORY IS THAT SCHOOL'S A PLACE WHERE YOU LEARN TO LIVE WITH IT AND BE PATIENT.
IF KIDS WERE FREE TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANTED THERE, THEY'D HAVE A REALLY TOUGH TIME AS ADULTS.
YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE THE COURAGE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS.
OKAY?
OKAY!
WOW! YAMATO-KUN, YOU SOUNDED JUST LIKE AN OLD MAN THERE, WITH YOUR "PEARLS OF WISDOM!"
GONG
OLD MAN?! I'M ONLY TWENTY-FIVE!
THAT'S A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY!!

HOSO-KAWA-SENSEI IS OUT WITH A COLD TODAY, SO I'LL BE TEACHING THIS PERIOD.
SINCE THIS IS A MORALS CLASS...
...I THOUGHT I'D SOLICIT YOUR OPINIONS ON SCHOOL REGULA-TIONS.
YOU MAKE A PRAC-TICE OF FLA-GRANTLY VIOLAT-ING SCHOOL RULES.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE RULES?
MMM...I THINK IT'S FINE TO HAVE DYED HAIR OR WEAR ACCESSORIES AND LOOSE SOCKS.
AFTER ALL, THAT STUFF DOESN'T INCON-VENIENCE ANYONE ELSE.
DAMN, HE'S FAST!!
HERE IT COMES!
KOTO-BUKI.
I SEE.
"SLOPPY DRESS INDICATES A SLOPPY MIND."
THAT IS THE CORRECT ANSWER.

HEADS UP!
YEAH? LEMME BORROW IT!
SO, THIS MASCARA GOES ON ULTRA-THICK.
IS HE GONE?
PANT-PANT.. I'M GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS
HE'S GONE.
..UH, MAYBE EVEN FROM THREE BLOCKS AWAY.
...IS THE MASCARA NOTICE-ABLE?
AND IT'S THE KIND THAT DOESN'T COME OFF EASILY!
SECOND PERIOD, GUNJO IS SUBBING FOR HOSO-KAWA-SENSEI
BAD NEWS!!
1—2

SEE, AS A TEACHER, YOU'RE OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE TIMES, SO I'LL CLUE YOU IN ON SOMETHING.
MOST STUDENTS THESE DAYS KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT ABOUT WHAT THEY REALLY THINK.
SO, IF YOU BELIEVE YOU'VE GOT YOUR CLASS EATING OUTTA THE PALM OF YOUR HAND, YOU'RE SORELY MISTAKEN!
AND ONCE EVERY-ONE SEES YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE, YOUR AUTHORITY IS GONNA TAKE A NOSE-DIVE!!
GRAB

...HMPH.
THERE WAS JUST ONE ROTTEN APPLE, BUT BEFORE YOU KNEW IT, ALL THE SURROUNDING APPLES TURNED ROTTEN.
THAT ONE APPLE IS YOU, ROTTEN TO THE CORE.
AND SO YOU ROT FROM THE INSIDE OUT
CAN'T WEAR A PROPER UNIFORM CAN'T GIVE A PROPER ANSWER
EXCUSE ME?
NICE TRY.
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE STORY OF THE ROTTEN APPLE, KOTOBUKI?
...BUT SCRATCH THE SURFACE AND YOUR TRUE COLORS ARE REVEALED UNDER-NEATH...
...VAR-IOUS SHADES OF RUST
YOU MAKE LIKE YOU'RE MR. PERFECT OR SOME-THING...
STAND

YOU'RE JUST A PRIME EXAMPLE OF HOW CONNIVING KIDS ARE TODAY!
YOUR FACES LOOK CALM, BUT YOU'VE GOT KNIVES IN YOUR BACKPACKS!
YOU NEVER ADMIT ANYTHING'S YOUR FAULT!
ALL YOU DO IS SHOOT OFF YOUR MOUTHS, YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING PACK OF DELINQUENTS!!
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU? WHEN THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY, YOU RESORT TO PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT?
IN YOUR WHOLE CAREER, HAVE YOU EVER TRUSTED A STUDENT?!
"TRUST?"
YOU'RE TELLING ME TO TRUST THE STUDENTS?
SHOULD I TRUST YOU, YAMAZAKI?
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR TROUBLE-MAKING PAST.
A LITTLE TIME GOES BY AND YOUR SORDID HISTORY SHOULD BE FORGOTTEN? IS THAT WHAT YOU WANNA SAY?
YOU NEED TO BE HANDLED WITH FORCE!
THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT'S KEPT YOU IN LINE TILL NOW!

CRA
?!
KYAAA!
WHAT YOU NEED IS TO BE TAKEN DOWN A FEW PEGS!!
YOU BRATS SCORE SOME POINTS AND SUDDENLY YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME ON, HUH?
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU GO UP AGAINST ME!!

YOU'VE GOT IT BACK-WARDS !!
WE DON'T DO OUR BEST TO PLEASE OUR-SELVES!
WE DO IT FOR PEOPLE WHO TRUST IN US !!
YOUR WAY DOESN'T DO ANY-THING EXCEPT STOMP ON STUDENTS' POTEN-TIAL!!
SEE IF THEIR EYES ARE ALIVE OR DEAD!!
GET YOURSELF SOME GLASSES AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR STUDENTS!
GRAPPLE
SOME-BODY, HELP ME!!
COOL IT, KOTO-BUKI!!
ARE YOU GETTING THE PICTURE, MORON ?!
DRAG DRAG

KH
...YOU WANNA SAY ?!
IS THAT ALL...
SHE DID IT!!
OH, MY GOD!

MY OLD MAN NAILED ME WITH A ONE-TWO PUNCH WHEN HE HEARD THE NEWS!
..AS IF TAKING ONE ON THE CHIN FROM GUNJO WASN'T BAD ENOUGH
OWWWW!
ME AND MY CHUMS ARE STARTING TO SEE NAKA-SEN IN A NEW LIGHT.
WHO PLEADED LENIENCY FOR ME WITH THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL. HENCE, FIVE DAYS OFF AND A FIFTY-PAGE ESSAY ON THE "ERROR OF MY WAYS" INSTEAD OF SCHOOL EXPULSION.
AS IT TURNED OUT, I GOT A FIVE-DAY SUSPENSION. (OWWW...) WHAT SURPRISED ME, THOUGH, WAS NAKA-SEN..
I GOT THE SCOOP ON GUNJO.
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO LEAVE YOUR HOUSE DURING THE SUSPENSION.
I CAN'T BELIEVE MY LOUSY LUCK! WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO TO SHIBUYA TO TAKE MY MIND OFF ALL THIS?
SO, I GUESS NEITHER OF YOU WON THE BATTLE.
BETWEEN YOU AND THE SOB STORIES OF THE CLASS 4 KIDS, HE'S GETTING TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.
WITH GUNJO OUT OF THE PICTURE, HOPEFULLY TAKAZAWA-SAN CAN BE FRIENDS WITH HER CLASS-MATES
CHEEP CHEEP
YOU'RE DONE, ALL RIGHT! NOW CALM DOWN!
I'M NOT DONE WITH HIM YET!
...WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT...?
WHY...
MY TEACHING METHOD WAS FLAW-LESS.
WHAT HAPPEN-ED...?

Not that I'm lazy. It's just, wherever I try to take a picture, it turns out lousy!! Either I don't notice that my finger is in front of the lens or the shot's out of focus, etc! My mom is really great at it, though I do have to say that I've been practicing recently is it normal to practice taking photos with a camera!!) and have gotten a little better, or so I've been told

Also zaus!! went to zaus for research!! And since I was there, got some snowboarding in, which was a ton of fun♡ especially liked snowboarding to the piped-in music of the latest tunes went there early in the morning on a weekday, so had plenty of time to do my own thing ♡ After my story featuring zaus was printed in the magazine, I got a really nice thank-you letter from zaus' marketing department., but really, I wanna say, THANK YOU! And so I will, using this space thank you! I'll be back for sure

My recent research plans include a jaunt to Hachioji (in Tokyo!!! It's been three or four years since I've taken Odakyu Line, so I'm kinda looking forward to it♡

And that's it for the GALS! research report♡

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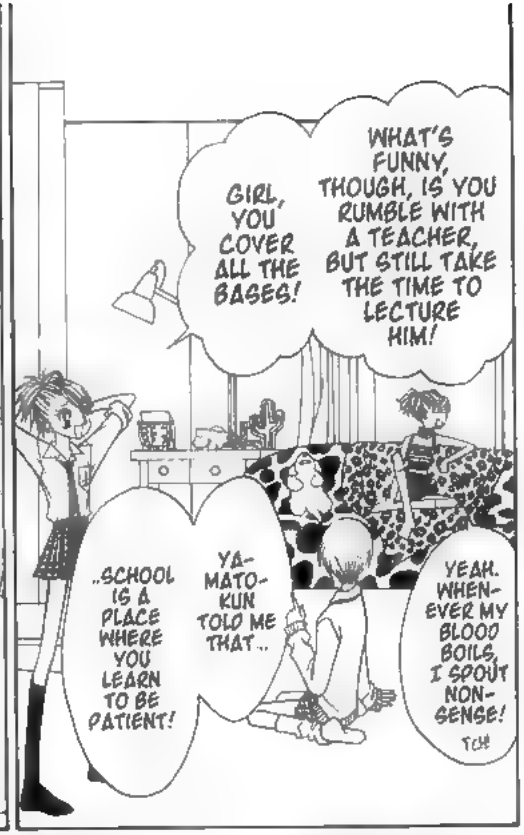
EVENTUALLY, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING THAT'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE US DOWN.
...'CAUSE IT ALL MAKES US STRONGER.
BEING HIT, BEING MADE FUN OF, TOO...
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT GAL POWER IS.

WHO ASKED YOU?! STUPID BROTHER!!!
STUPID BROTHER! STUPID BROTHER! STUPID BROTHER!
...AFTER GUNJO HIT YOU, I WAS A BREATH AWAY FROM LOSING IT, TOO.
ACTUALLY...


GIRL, YOU COVER ALL THE BASES!
WHAT'S FUNNY, THOUGH, IS YOU RUMBLE WITH A TEACHER, BUT STILL TAKE THE TIME TO LECTURE HIM!
..SCHOOL IS A PLACE WHERE YOU LEARN TO BE PATIENT!
YA-MATO-KUN TOLD ME THAT..
YEAH. WHEN-EVER MY BLOOD BOILS, I SPOUT NON-SENSE!
TCH!

STRANGE. IN A SENSE, NOT BEING TOGETHER IS A GOOD THING.
THAT'S WHY I FEEL KINDA SORRY FOR GUNJO, THE JERK!
...SO EVEN WHEN WE'RE APART, I CAN KEEP MYSELF IN CHECK
BUT, NOW, I HAVE SOME-ONE WHO TRUSTS IN ME...

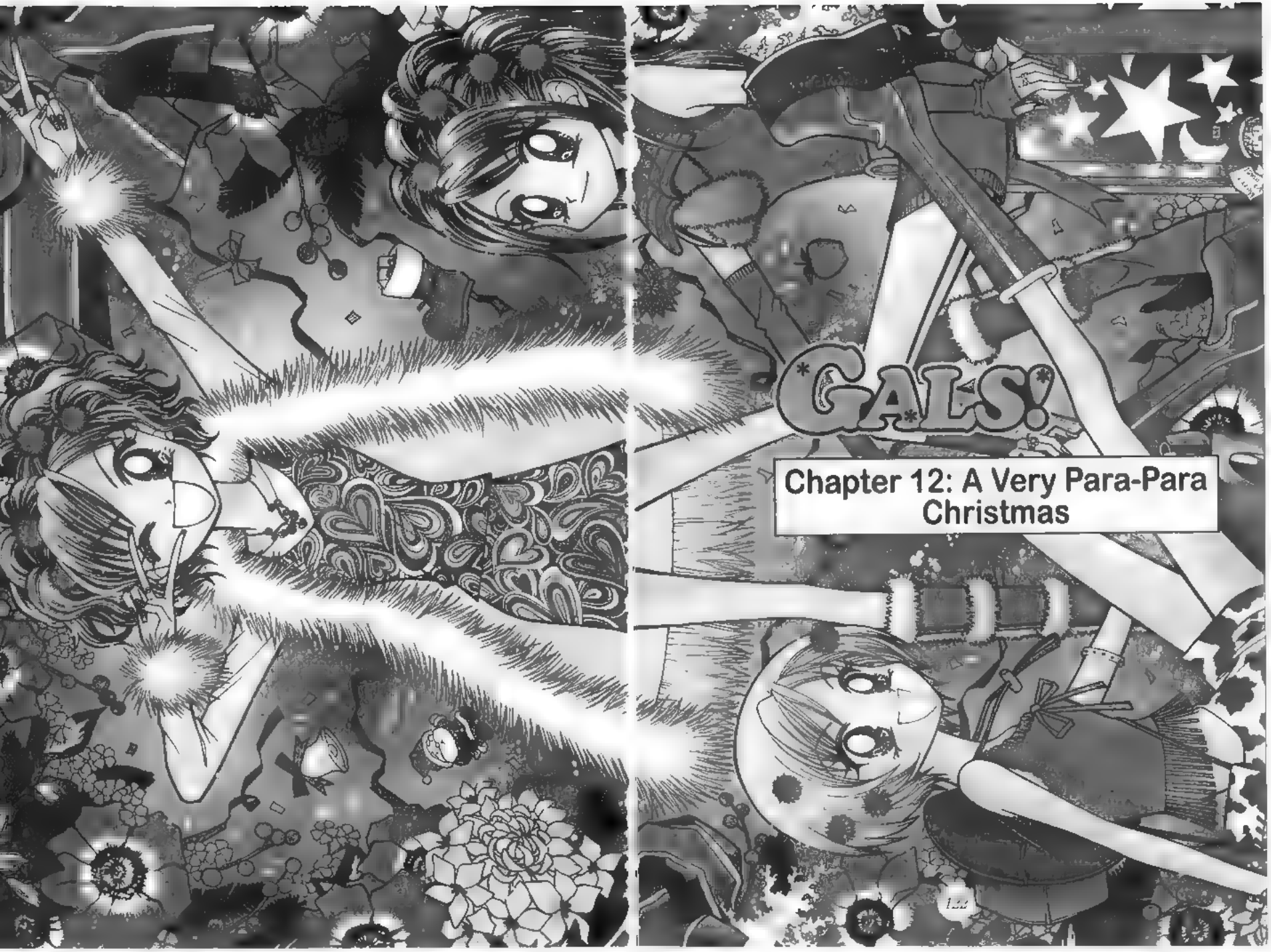
"RAN'S REMORSE"
Freshman Class 2, Kotobuki Ran
ME FIRST!
LET'S TAKE A PICTURE WITH REI-KUN!
DO, DO
YOU DON'T FEEL REMORSE AT ALL DO YOU?
I'M STARVING!
AH! YAMATO-KUN? I'M AT YOUR HOUSE NOW!
GET HOME AS SOON AS YOU CAN, OKAY?
COME ON, LET'S BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!
BUT, RAN-CHAN, WHERE'D YOU GET THE BUMP ON YOUR HEAD?
"Tempers flared and I punched Gunjo-sensei in the face, which I now deeply regret."
"The other day, a trifling matter between myself and the freshman Class 4 teacher, Gunjo sensei, turned into a squabble.
"...GUNJO-SENSEI IS, AFTER ALL, MY ELDER AS WELL AS AN EDUCATED TEACHER, ANOTHOUGH HE STRUCK ME FIRST, THIS WAS DUE TO MY OWN LACK OF DISCIPLINE."
"I REALIZE THAT EVEN THOUGH A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION MAY EXIST..
...THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THIS.

RAN-CHAN'S BEDROOM
LOOK WHO'S HERE TO HELP WITH YOUR APOLOGETIC ESSAY!
RAN!
I'LL BUY THAT! YAY!
ALL RIGHT! GOOD TIMING!!!
KYAAA! IT'S REI-KUN!
PLEASE DON'T ASK!
AH! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?!
APOLOGETIC ESSAY? THEN YOU DID TUSSLE WITH YOUR TEACHER?
THANKS, GUYS!
FIFTY PAGES... THAT OUGHTA TAKE ABOUT THREE HOURS.

I'M GONNA GO RIGHT UP TO RAN-CHAN AND ASK HER TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE WITH ME!!!
CLENCH
RE!
THAT'S IT!!
REALLY, THOUGH, I THINK YOU OUGHTA RE-EVALUATE YOUR PLAN!
DON'T FREAK OUT WHILE PRAC-TICING!
RAN-CHAN! I-I-I-... I LUH-LUH-LUH... I'M IN LUH-LUH..
BUT, BEFORE I DO, LEMME PRACTICE ON YOU!
UH... NOTHING !!!
BONG
HEIGH-HO, HEIGH-HO!
WHAT ABOUT ME?!
HE'S HOPE-LESS

I PROMISE!! I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!!
HERE IT SAYS ... ..."I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN." CAN I BELIEVE THAT?!
MM? YOU CAN TELL THAT IS MY PENMANSHIP, CAN'T YOU? DO YOU HAVE SUCH A LOW VIEW OF MY ACADEMIC ABILITY, NAKA-SEN?
THE ESSAY IS FINE ... ...BUT IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU AT ALL!
SIGH...I HAVE A FEELING EDUCATING KIDS IS GOING TO BE A LOT HARDER FROM NOW ON I FEEL MORE GRAY HAIRS COMING ON ALREADY!
MY PLEDGE! MY ASSURANCE! SEE, I DO HAVE A GOOD VOCABULARY!
YOU HAVE MY WORD!
WHAT?! POOR GUNJO SENSEI!
GUNJO GOT TRANSFERRED TO HIGASHI-IKEBUKURO HIGH.
LAST WEEK, THIS REAL JACKASS OF A TEACHER SUDDENLY STARTED AT OUR SCHOOL !!!
LISTEN TO ME!!
Several days later...

Chapter 11: End


GALS!
Chapter 12: A Very Para-Para Christmas

HEY
DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, RAN-CHAN?
JUST ONE MORE WEEK TILL CHRIST-MAS!
I AM SOOO PSYCHED!
SOON AS SCHOOL'S OVER ON THE 24TH, I'M GONNA RUN HOME, CHANGE, AND THEN COME TO SHIBUYA TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO HACHIKO!!
SWITCH
CHECK IT OUT!

NAIL ART CLINIC IN CONCLUSION

Well, how did it go? I hope you could understand my how to I explained it, I guess in my own personal style, so if it was even a little helpful to you, I'm thrilled ♡ Now you can get nail chips and nail stickers at most large supermarkets and even 100 yen shops, and at a reasonable price, so go on! What are you waiting for?! Give nail art a try ♡♡ This column was suggested to me by a lot of younger elementary school girls (as well as many high school girls, too, of course!), which points to the fact that these days, elementary school girls with style are on the rise! This makes me really happy because after all, we're all girls and we wanna have really cute fingertips, right?! ♡ Summer will be here before we know it, so next let's all paint our toenails and glitz 'em up

Anyway, this has been Mihona's simple (I HOPE) nail art clinic! That's all, folks!

DISSECTION OF A BLOODBATH!

"I CAN'T BLAME MY WORDS AREN'T STICKING ME OFF!"
"YOU'RE NOT TO BLAME! I ACCEPT ANY BLAME AND ALL BLAME! STICKING ME OFF!"
GRRR! IT'S MY FAULT?! NOW YOU'RE REALLY STICKING ME OFF! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
IS THAT HOW YOU REALLY FEEL? I SHOULD'VE ACCEPTED HER APOLOGY FROM THE BEGINNING AND NOT BEEN CHECKED WITH ME
DON'T YOU THINK WE OWE THE PEOPLE OF SHIBUYA MORE THAN THIS SLIPSHOD APPROACH TO THEIR GEOGRAPHY?!
GONG
And the argument goes off track more and more
IF YOU HAD TIME TO GET ANGRY, YOU SHOULD'VE DONE IT AT FIRST!
RUB RUB RUB
YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE THE FORCE OF MY FURY! I'LL HARNESS ITS POWER TO ERASE THE DRAWING AND FIX IT!!!
UHHH! WE'RE GONNA GET "THE PHONE CALL" IN A MATTER OF MIN-UTES!!
GASP
AHHH!! LOOK AT THE TIME!!!
This just goes to show you that no matter how tired we are, we can always muster enough energy to fight. Actually, it's not a very good energy
WOW! SHE'S DRAWING TWICE AS FAST AS I CAN!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
HMPH! HMPH! HMPH! HMPH! HMPH! HMPH!
WHO WANTS DOG FOOD?♡ WHO WANTS CAKE?♡
LA LA LA
SIGH♡ FINISHED♡ LET'S DO ANOTHER BANG-UP JOB NEXT MONTH!!
HEY, I'LL USE TODAY'S ARGUMENT AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEXT "BLOODBATH" STRIP!
and what's weird about our pillow battles is that if we overdo it, our moods switch to happiness mode and all the bad stuff is forgotten
Are my mother and I the only ones who fight like this??
ENDO

IS IT OKAY IF WE MEET AFTER THAT?
OH, YEAH. ON CHRISTMAS EVE, I'M DJ'ING AT A CLUB EVENT.
I'M OFF TO HACHI-OORI! LATER!
THEN I'D BETTER SEE HIM AS MUCH AS I CAN TILL THEN!
...DON'T TALK LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE!
IT'S EMBARRASSING!
AH, YOUNG LOVE!
HUBBA-HUBBA!
EVEN IF WE ONLY HAVE A CHANCE TO GLANCE AT EACH OTHER..
SURE!
THANKS! SEE YA!
GOOD LUCK, DUDE.
WE'RE GOING TO A RECORD STORE.

GONG!
YOU MEAN EIGHT PAR-TIES?!
HOW'D YOU FIND OUT ABOUT ALL OF 'EM?!
EH-HEH
I'VE GOT ALL NIGHT TO GET MY HANDS ON A HOTTIE AT ONE OF THESE SHINDIGS!
YOUR PARENTS ARE LETTING YOU STAY OUT ALL NIGHT?
HO-HO-HO♥
THE WHOLE FAMILY'LL BE OUT ON DUTY, KEEPING THINGS EXTRA-SAFE FOR HOLIDAY REVELERS♡AND THAT MEANS IT'S SAFE FOR ME TO REVEL.
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO REVEL ABOUT.
WHY DOES YA-MATO-KUN HAVE TO BE A POLICE-MAN IN SHIBUYA, OF ALL PLACES?
SIGH
LAST CHRIST-MAS EVE, WE ONLY GOT TO MEET FOR FIVE MIN-UTES!
YEAH, BUT THANKS TO YAMATO-KUN'S WORK HERE, YOU WERE ABLE TO MEET IN THE FIRST PLACE, RIGHT?
THAT'S TRUE!
GRIN

Extra talk

MIHONA'S WIG COLLECTION

Again, I've made new additions to my collection! Let me show you♡

♡

LONG, STRAIGHT WIG

Mine has red streaks at the ends, which is good because it makes it look ultra-natural in one instant, I can have long, windswept hair♡ About ¥3000 yen

CURLY PRINCESS WIG

Suddenly, become gorgeous & you'll take a little courage to wear this number, but as long as you don't affect cuteness, it looks natural I think

But, I don't wear it too often about ¥3000 yen This one is also brown with red streaks

CURLY, LOVELY WIG

A slightly shorter version of the wig above & looks strange in my drawing, but is cute in reality About ¥3000 yen

I'm happy that wigs have gone down in price recently♡ If you break 'em quickly, they'll be wearable a long time. I hope everyone out there experiments with all kinds of wigs

I GOTTA GET TO MIYAKO TO TEACH MY JUNIOR HIGH DISCIPLES HOW TO PARA-PARA!
UH... THAT'S NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND
SO, I'LL SEE YA LATER! BYE-BYE-LIN-GUAL!

BRRR! IT'S FREEZING! EVEN I'M FORCED TO GET INTO WARM-WEAR MODE!
WELL YOU HELD OUT AS LONG AS YOU COULD WITH THE NO-SLEEVE TOPS.
NOW'S MY CHANCE!!
GO FOR IT, ASO!!!

UM, RAN-CHAN...
...ABOUT CHRISTMAS EVE...
...HOW ABOUT MEETING ME THAT NIGHT?!
ALRIGHT!!!
...I'M GONNA BE REALLY BUSY ON THE PARTY CIRCUIT THAT NIGHT... LIKE I SAID...
...SO IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU'LL SEE ME AT ONE OF 'EM OR EN ROUTE, AT LEAST!
UM... WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

YOU GOTTA STRETCH YOUR ELBOW OUT THERE WITH MORE ENERGY!
NOT ENOUGH GUSTO !!!
HI! MACHIDA PARA-PARA KING KURO! TATSUKI (16), HERE TO GIVE YOU THE REAL GOODS ON PARA-PARA!
FLAP

THAT'S THE MOVE THAT ADDS SPICE TO "AH-CHI-CHI!"
ALRIGHT!! THEN DO THE PALM FLIP!
IF YOU CAN'T PARA-PARA DANCE IT, YOU'RE NOT A GAL!
RIGHT NOW, "AH-CHI-CHI" IS ONE OF THE FUNDA-MENTALS!
DO YOU THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO MASTER IT BY CHRIST-MAS EVE?
GO HI-ROMI'S SONGS ARE SO HARD!
SHE'S RIGHT! LET'S GIVE IT ALL WE'VE GOT!!
I HOPE WE CAN BE LIKE HER WHEN WE'RE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!
RAN-SAN IS SO COOL, Y'KNOW?!
CHA-CHA-CHA-CHARA-CHA-CHA
THEN, LET'S GO!!

SPLAYED!
SPLAYED!
AL-RIGHT! LET'S DO IT TO IT!
FIN-GERS SPLAYED!
OKAY!!
YOU GOTTA LOOK RE-FRESHED DOIN' THIS DANCE!!
COME ON!
WELL, AFTER ALL, THE DANCE TO "AH-CHI-CHI" IS SUPPOSED TO BE SEXY AND WILD!
`SCUSE ME, BLACKWELL-SAN!! YOU REALLY DON'T WANNA MAKE RAN-SAN ANGRY!!
AH-CHI-CHI
AH-CHI
I DON'T NEED ANY FRIGGIN' MENTOR! WHAT'RE YOU, MENTAL?!
HEY, COME ON!
OKAY!!
I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THEM!!!
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD! HOW ABOUT IF I BECOME YOUR MENTOR?
HEY...
UGH!

GLAD TO SHAKE YOUR ACQUAINT-ANCE!!
OH, YES! A FELLOW TRAVELER ON THE ODAKYU LINE!
I LIVE IN ATSUGI, SO WORD'S REACHED MY SCHOOL OF "WEST MACHIDA HIGH BLACKWELL" OR WHAT-EVER YOU GO BY.
YEAH, I THINK I'VE HEARD OF YOU BEFORE
?!?
SHAKE
I WAS GONNA SAY, YOU'RE TAN, BUT YOU'RE NOT THAT TAN!
SNICKER
"BLACK-WELL?!"
OH, I GET IT!
KUROI=BLACKWELL!
MACHIDA? IN KANA-GAWA PREFEC-TURE?
NO THANK YOU!
MACHI-DA'S STILL TOKYO! JUST BARELY, YES, BUT THAT MEANS I'M A TOKYO-ITE!
?
LEARN A LITTLE SOME-THIN' EVERY DAY, RIGHT?
STOMP
YESSS, I FIGURED IT OUT!!!
DIDJA FIGURE IT OUT?!
YOU SAYING YOU GOT A COMPLAINT ABOUT KOTOBUKI RAN'S PARA-PARA?!
YA CHING
HER
...FROM WHAT I SAW, YOUR ELBOW MOVEMENTS COULD USE SOME WORK!
ANYHOO...

OKIT-AL MIHONA-CHI!

Well, I finally bought a new notebook computer. Kyaaa! I'll probably use my Mac until I've been using up till now just for e-mail. Not sure yet if I'll change my home page address, but I assure everyone out there, read all of your e-mail. Well, all except the occasional ones that have titles like "This e-mail will make you happy and send this e-mail to four other people or something sad will happen to you" ignore that kind of mail with a vengeance, so don't bother sending it. Well, that'll do it for this column. I'll update my website really soon, so check it out.

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http://www02.so-net.ne.jp/~mihona/index.html

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NO, MA'AM! WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?!
UH-HUH. I BET YOU RAN OUT OF GIRLS TO HIT ON IN MACHIDA OR MAYBE YOU GOT CAUGHT FOR SOMETHING?
"LOVE AND PEACE!"
WANNA KNOW MY MOTTO?
WHOA. WAS I COOL JUST NOW OR WHAT?
WELL, THANKS A LOT !!!
ACTUALLY, KINDA... FARM-BOYISH !!!

TSUTAYA
PAYDAY FOR MY PART-TIME JOB'S NOT TILL TOMORROW, SO I'M BROKE, TOO!
HEY, I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, SO BUY ME A POP!
NOW, THAT WAS SOME DANCING!
OOH YA GOT ME!!
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO BUY MY OWN DRINK!
GREAT! A GUY WHO'S ALL FLASH AND NO CASH!
SO FAR, I PASSED BY A COMEDIAN THAT'S ON T.V. SOMETIMES, BUT HE DION'T REALLY DO ANYTHING FUNNY
I CAME TO SHIBUYA LOOKIN' FOR NEW THRILLS.
AH, MACHIDA'S ALL PLAYED OUT FOR ME.
WHY'D YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE FROM MACHIDA?

RU CLER
...
BUT, YOU MAKE ME LAUGH, SO ALRIGHT, YEAH, I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU!
YOU'RE A FREAKIN' NUT-BALL!!
HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT?
WE HEARD! WE HEARD!
HEY! DON'T DRINK IT ALL!
I'LL BUY YOU ANOTHER ONE SOON AS I GET PAID!
SOUNDS GOOD!
HEY, GIMME A SWIG OF YOUR DRINK!

RUB RUB
HEY, YOU DON'T KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO DROP THE "-SAN"!
AND WHADDA-YA MEAN, "BEE-THOVEN?!"
AND LOOK! BEE-THOVEN!
FOR INSTANCE, I CAN MEET PEOPLE LIKE YOU, RAN!
BUT, THERE'S A LOT TO LIKE ABOUT SHIBUYA!
STOMP
SMASH
WAIT A SEC-OND!
FLAP
AND I'VE ALREADY FALLEN FOR YOU, SO BE MY GIRL-FRIEND!!
BA-BA-BA-BUM
WHAT I'M TRYIN' TO SAY IS, THIS FEELS LIKE FATE TO ME!

AFTERWORD

Thank you for staying with me and reading all of my often times incomprehensible free talk column. I finally made it all the way through volume three. This is a cliche, but even there notes wouldn't be able to do without you readers.

To all the readers who send me hilarious fan letters every month (I read 'em all ♡); to Tomichy, my editor, who stirs with me to make "GALS" ever more interesting and fun from month to month; to the Ribon part-timers, who always pick up the manuscript from my place with a smile on their face; to the guys at Sagawakyubin, who always let me extend the pick-up time for my completed work till the very last minute; and finally, as always, to my loving family, who always cheer me up and root for me... I want to say thank you. I appreciate all of you from the bottom of my heart.

From now on as well, I plan to forge ahead while holding on to my original inspiration! So, I'll talk to all of you next time, in volume 4 (wait?! volume 4?! VVVVolume 4 is coming?! Seriously? I hope it comes out!" I mean, it WILL come out, right? Put the thing out, already!!!!!

Alright. Keep that fire in your heart burning!!!

See you next time!

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IS IT TRUE YOU'VE GOT A BOY-FRIEND ?!
YES, AND MERRY CHRIST-MAS! HOW'D YOU KNOW?
DANG! I WANTED TO SPRING IT ON YOU GUYS TODAY!
THE RUMOR'S SPREAD-ING LIKE WILDFIRE ALL OVER SHIBUYA !
SO, WHAT'S HE LIKE?

GLOMP GLOMP
NOW, REI-KUN IS OURS !!!
YAMAMBA DANCE!!!
HAW!
IT TICKS ME OFF... AND YET MAKES ME DELIRIOUSLY HAPPY!!!
HEE!
KOTO-BUKI THE CLOWN'S GOT A BOY-FRIEND !!!
YEAH!!
WE GOTTA STRIKE WHILE THE IRON'S HOT! ♡
December 24th
HEY, RAN !!!
HIT ALL CORNERS OF SHIBUYA !!
SPREAD THE WORD! SPREAD THE WORD!
HEY, EVERY-BODY, KOTOBUKI THE CLOWN'S GOT HER-SELF A BOY-FRIEND !!

MERRY CHRIST-MAS, HACHI!!
DON'T YOU LOVE THE WAY I COOR-DINATED MY OUTFIT?!
MMM...
...YOU LOOK CUTE, BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY GO WITH CHRIST-MAS.
I SAY CUTE'S ALL THAT MATTERS!
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY MONEY, BUT HE'S WEIRD ENOUGH TO BE FUNNY!
HA! AND HE'S ALSO SET UP IN THE LOOKS DEPART-MENT!
HE LOOKS A LITTLE WILD!!
HERE'RE SOME PHOTO STICKERS WE MADE!
MY NEW BOYFRIEND, TATSUKI!
HA?!
...AND HIS NICK-NAME IS "BLACK-WELL."
WHAT THE HECK DOES THAT MEAN?!
...HE SAYS THINGS LIKE, "BEE-THOVEN"
WELL, HE LIVES IN MACHIDA, HE'S REALLY GOOD AT PARA-PARA...
TA-TSUKI-KUN, HUH?
I DON'T NEED IT!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
YOU'RE GONNA BE SPENDING WINTER VACATION TAKING REMEDIAL CLASSES, TOO!!
LEMME GUESS, A BUNCHA "F"S!
THERE SHE GOES EVEN PASS TO THE NEXT GRADE!
TSK, TSK!
KOTO-BUKI, WAIT!!! I HAVEN'T GIVEN YOU YOUR REPORT CARD YET!!
AH!
WELL, I GOTTA GET HOME AND CHANGE!

GO!!
MAYBE THEY ARE A GOOD MATCH
THE NAME IS TATSUKI!!
LET'S GO, TATSUKICHI!!!
WELL, WE'RE OFF TO PAR-TAY! SEE YOU LATER!!
HAVE A GOOD TIME!
SURE.
WELL, SHALL WE JUST WAIT FOR OUR BOY-FRIENDS HERE?
CLANG
LET THE CHRISTMAS CAKE-EATING CONTEST... BEGIN!!!
ビッグエッグ

WHY?
HEY, POOCHIE!
PSST! ARE YOU SURE HE'S FOR YOU?
AS STUPID AS YOU CAN GET!
SEXY AND WILD?
FLAP
TA-TSUKI-KUN, YOU'RE JUST LIKE I IMAGINED YOU'D BE.
IN FRONT OF MY NOSE?! I DON'T SEE ANY-BODY!
WELL, NOT LITER-ALLY!
WHAT I MEAN IS, YOU'RE SO THICK! THERE MAY ALREADY BE A GUY WHO THINKS THE WORLD OF YOU, RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR NOSE!
GIMME YOUR PAW!!
FOR NOW, THOUGH, THAT GUY OVER THERE IS MY BOY-FRIEND AND HE CRACKS ME UP! SO, IT'S ALL GOOD, RIGHT?
LOOK, I'M NOT PSYCHIC, SO IF THERE IS SUCH A GUY, I DUNNO!

AH! CHI-CHI
STILL WITH YA!
NEXT!!
PARA-PARA MEET CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!!!
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME, TOO!!
EVERYBODY DANCE!
START THE MUSIC!!!
BWA-HA-HA-HA
THE KING ORDERS PLAYER #1 TO IMITATE NAKA-NISHI-SENSE!!!
KOTO-BUKI! NO CHINA DEER SEE IN SCHOOL!
THE KING GAME, YAYYY!!!
STRANGE FACE CONTEST!!!
HEY! WHY'S A GUY IN THIS CONTEST?!
XMAS KARAOKE CONTEST!
'CAUSE YOU'RE TONE DEAF!!!
YOUR SCORE
20
ONLY 20 POINTS OUT OF A POSSIBLE 1,000?! WHY?!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHUG IT!!!
GO, RAN!!!
THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE THIS ITALIAN DESIGNER BAG AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT!!!
GRABBLE GRABBLE
ONE WHOLE CAKE DOWNED IN THIRTY SECONDS!!!
WOW, SHE'S FAST!!!
RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
COME ON, TATSU-KICHI! NEXT PLACE!
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW THE MOVES, JUST WATCH THE KIDS ON STAGE AND IMITATE THEM!!!
SO, IS EVERY-BODY IN A GOOD MOOD TONIGHT?!
FANG 'OU!!

FORGET ABOUT IT!!
WOW ARE YOU STARTING TO FEEL ROMANTIC?
WANNA KISS?
YOU DON'T REALLY GET IT, DO YOU?
I'LL LET YOU HOLD HANDS WITH ME.
TCH! YOU GOT YOUR GUARD UP ON CHRISTMAS EVE?!
SCROOGE !!
ABOUT HOW BIG A DEAL IT IS TO BE THE BOYFRIEND OF "SHIBUYA RAN?"
Bunkamura
LET'S HIT IT!
KEY POINT: ALL-YOU-CAN-DRINK-SOFT-DRINKS!
NEXT UP IS A PARTY NEAR LAFORET !!
..I THINK I REALLY MAY BE FALLING FOR YOU, RAN.
Y'KNOW, I, UH...
WELL, I'M IMPRESSED BY YOU, TOO, TATSUKICHI! I MEAN, KEEPING UP WITH ME IS A FEAT IN ITSELF!
YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AT MAX ENERGY FOR HOURS NOW, AND ALL WITHOUT TOUCHING A DROP OF BOOZE! MAN, I'M IMPRESSED!

BEAU-TIFUL, ISN'T IT?
JUST LOOKING AT IT MAKES ME HAPPY!
YEAH, ME TOO!
IF SOMEBODY WERE TO LOOK AT US, THEY'D PROBABLY THINK WE WERE A COUPLE OF BOY-FRIENDLESS LOSERS!
YEAH. BUT, WAITING AROUND ISN'T TOUGH AT ALL, WHEN IT'S FOR THE PERSON YOU LOVE, YOU KNOW?
WAIT A SEC-OND
ISN'T THIS THE VERY PLACE WHERE YOU AND ME AND RAN FIRST TALKED TO EACH OTHER?
WHERE YOU WERE WAITING FOR YOUR "DATE" AND RAN SLAPPED YOU SILLY?
THAT'S RIGHT!
GOD, WHEN I THINK BACK ON IT NOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT REALLY HAP-PENED.
...I'VE CHANGED SO MUCH THIS PAST YEAR.
EVEN TONIGHT, MY PARENTS ORDERED ME TO STAY HOME, BUT I SLIPPED OUT.
I DO FEEL A LITTLE GUILTY ABOUT THAT...BUT I DON'T THINK IT WAS A MISTAKE.

...HERE! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
YEAH THIS TREE IS JUST SO PRETTY, IT HAD ME MESMERIZED.
WERE YOU OUT IN THIS FRIGGIN' COLD THE WHOLE TIME?
YOU'RE TOUGH
AH! BEFORE THAT...
HOW ABOUT IF WE GET A BITE TO EAT FIRST?
THIS'LL REALLY COME IN HANDY!
WOW THANKS!
THE CLERK SAID IT'D LAST A LONG TIME!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW YOUR TASTE IN RECORDS, SO I BOUGHT A RECORD PLAYER NEEDLE!
...I'M NOT GOOD AT BUYING PRESENTS. I NEVER KNOW WHAT TO GET.
AS FOR ME...

AYA.
KYAAA!
C'MERE, YOU LITTLE
WERE YOU WAITING LONG?
SORRY.
ANYWAY, I WOULD'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CHANGE IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU GUYS.
TRUTH!
OH, STOP IT! YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH!
OTO-HATA-KUN!!
SWISH

HEY, EVERY-BODY!
I KNEW YOU WERE THERE THE WHOLE TIME!
I DION'T WANT TO SPOIL YOUR "CHRIST-MAS MOMENT" TOGETHER.
...HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE RUMOR?
NUM-BER TWO-KUN...
WHAT RUMOR?
TA-DA!
I FINALLY SCRAPED TOGETHER ENOUGH CASH TO BUY 'EM!
FEAST YOUR EYES ON THESE! THE BUFFALO SNEAKERS RAN'S BEEN WANTING!
SNICKER
...THE ONE ABOUT RAN GETTING A BOY-FRIEND.
YOU KNOW...
LIKE SOME GUY WOULD BE ABLE TO HOOK UP WITH RAN JUST LIKE THAT! NO W--
AH HA HA!
YEAH, RIGHT! WHO'D BELIEVE THAT?!
WONDER WHERE SHE'S AT RIGHT NOW...
I'M HAVING A HARD TIME REACH-ING HER CELL.
HAVE YOU SEEN RAN?
NUMBER TWO-KUN?!

WELL, YEAH. I MEAN, IF YOU LIKE IT
...REALLY? I CAN KEEP IT?
NO, I LOVE IT! THIS IS THE BEST GIFT EVER!!
DON'T LET ME GET IN THEIR WAY. DON'T LET ME GET IN THEIR WAY.
...SO, HERE.
I'VE BEEN WEARING THIS, LIKE, FOREVER.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING BACK THERE?
...YAMA-ZAKI.
OOPS! GUESS THE JIG IS UP.

HUH?
I DUNNO.
AND WHERE DO YOU GET OFF BEING RAN-CHAN'S BOY-FRIEND?
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?
FLAP
AND RAN GAVE ME THE THUMBS-UP, SO I MUST BE, LIKE "CINDERFELLA," HUH?
I JUST GAVE IT TO HER STRAIGHT. "I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU, SO BE MY GIRL-FRIEND."
GONG!!
AND WHY'D HE HAVE TO BE SUCH AN OVER-THE-TOP KINDA GUY?!
GET OUTTA TOWN!! THIS GUY LEAP-FROGGED ME WITH A SIMPLE LINE LIKE THAT?!
SWISH
I'LL JUST TEST WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE RAN-CHAN'S PRINCE CHARMING !!!
ALRIGHT, I GOT IT!!

HIYA!
WHA?!!
"BRO?"
YOU CAN CALL ME "BLACKWELL" IF YOU WANT, BRO!
NICE TO SHAKE YOUR ACQUAINT-ANCE!
SHAKE
HE'S, LIKE, MY BOY-FRIEND!
LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU! THIS GUY'S KURO! TATSUKI!

KOTOBUK!
WE'RE GONNA BE REACHING PEAK TROUBLE TIME SOON, SO TAKE A HALF AN HOUR BREAK WHILE YOU CAN
OKAY!
THANK YOU!
SWISH
CALLING SHIBUYA STATION POLICE BOX.
WE'VE GOT A REPORT OF SOME TEENS CAUSING A DISTURBANCE AT THE BUNKAMURA TREE! REQUEST BACKUP!
YESSS!! 30 MINUTES GIVES ME ENOUGH TIME TO MEET MIYU!
TALK ABOUT A LUCKY BREAK!!
READY...
...GO!!
HA HA HA
THIS IS HILARIOUS!!
THEY'RE REALLY GOING AT IT!
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO NUMBER TWO-KUN?!
HEY! DIDJA HEAR?!
WHOEVER NABS THAT STAR GETS TO BE RAN-CHAN'S BOYFRIEND!!!
SERIOUSLY?! MAN, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS!!!
BA-DUM
WHOEVER GETS THE STAR AT THE TOP OF THIS TREE WINS!!
OKAY!!
I'LL TAKE YOUR CHALLENGE! IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!!
HEY, WHO INVITED YOU GUYS?!
IS THAT THE DUDE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE RAN-CHAN'S BOYFRIEND NOW?!
WHA--?
NO WAY! SHE CAN'T BE THAT HARD UP!
WE WANNA PIECE OF THE ACTION!
YOU AIN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR RAN-CHAN, ANYWAY!
LET'S CLIMB, LOSERS!

I'M BUSY ENOUGH AS IT IS! DON'T MAKE IT WORSE !!!
OWW!
POW
ALL YOU EVER DO IS CAUSE TROUBLE !!
YOU LITTLE...!
RAN
AW, DUDE, YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!!
I'M TERRIFIED OF HEIGHTS !!!
SORRY.
...I'LL GET THE LADDER.
ALL OF YOU, GET DOWN FROM THERE, RIGHT NOW!!
HEY !!
TWEET
CRUD, IT'S 5-0! LET'S AMSCRAY!
...I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

YAMATO-KUN!!
AH!
WHA--?! ROGER!!
KOTO-BUKI!
SCRATCH THAT BREAK! COME ON!!
LEGGO OF ME!
YAAA
HEY! NO KICKING!
HEY, BRO! THEY GOT YOU WORKIN' HARD, I SEE!
COULD YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
FOR SOME REASON, A WAR OVER RAN HAS BROKEN OUT!

I KEEP THE YAMATO-KUN DOLL AND YOU KEEP THE MIYU DOLL!
LOOK...
...MATCHING MIYU AND YAMATO-KUN DOLLS. I MADE 'EM MYSELF!
IT'S ALRIGHT! THE YAMATO-KUN WHO'S ALWAYS WORKING FOR A BETTER SOCIETY IS THE GUY I FELL IN LOVE WITH!
#$%&#%&#!!
SNIFF
I'M SORRY...
...THANKS ESPECIALLY TO MY STUPID SISTER!
...THAT WE HARDLY EVER GET A CHANCE TO BE TOGETHER...
MIYU.
YAMATO-KUN...
MIYU...
THIS WAY, WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.
HEH HEH!

GLOOM
SO, DON'T EVER PULL ANY STUNTS LIKE THIS AGAIN!
...IF THIS TREE HAD BROKEN OR FALLEN OVER, YOU WOULD'VE HAD TO PAY A HEFTY FINE!
LISTEN, BOYS...

YAMATO-KUN. COULD I SEE YOU FOR A MINUTE?
RAN! YOU SHOULD REFLECT ON WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT, TOO!
OH, LOOK AT ME, I'M RE-FLECT-ING!
WE'RE SORRY!

AM I NOBLE OR WHAT? OH, WELL. AT LEAST I HAVE HIS DOLL.
LAST CHRISTMAS, I COULD SPEND FIVE MINUTES WITH YAMATO-KUN. THIS YEAR, ONLY TWO?!
PARTY! PARTY!
ALRIGHT!! LET'S PARTY ALL NIGHT TOGETHER!
NO, ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT!!
WELL, THAT'S NICE TO HEAR ...
GUESS NOT
THIS GROUP CAN'T SEEM TO STAY AWAY FROM EACH OTHER

So, the 16-year-old Aso Yuya resolved anew as he faced the year 2000 one winter's night.
DA-DA-DA-DUM!
MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!
"The Revenge! The Eventual Battle to Get From 'Number Two' to Number One in Her Heart!"

Chapter 12: End

HUH?
YOU REALLY ARE A GREAT GUY.
...NUMBER TWO.
DO YOU PARA-PARA?
COME ON, BRO, LET'S BE BUDS!
NO !!
FOR ME, IT'S STILL UP IN THE AIR WHETHER YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH FOR RAN!
HEY

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OFFICER KOTOBUKI FOREVER

CAST

Hero	Subway Employee	Police Officer	Drinking Water Fairy	Shibuya Woman
ASO YUYA	OTOHATA REI	KOTOBUKI YAMATO	YAMAZAKI MIYU	KOTOBUKI RAN

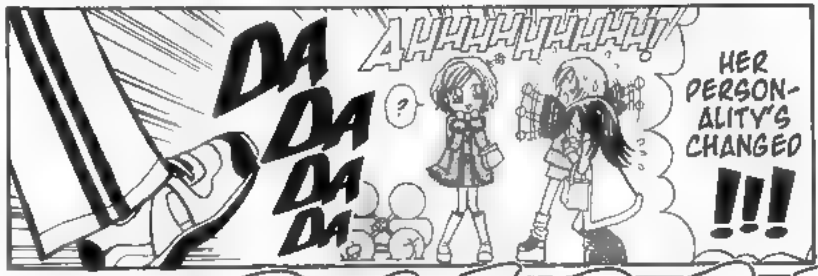
Produced in 1988

Ran "Officer Kotobuki Forever" was the most important episode in the story. It took me two years to finish it! And while doing the mysterious fabulist manga was a lot of fun, really, that was hard. It's not a typical, different job. I'm curious to find out what's gonna happen next. Each month I'll be more curious.

COFFEE SHOP
RAN! ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?!
UHHH...
KYAAA!
WHAT ON EARTH HAP-PENED?
!!?
OUCHIE! OUCHIE!
GRRRRR
AAAAGH! I GOT NO MONEY!!!
I'M REALLY P.O.'D!!!
TODAY, I BEGGED MY OLD MAN FOR MONEY, AND ALL THE SCRAPS HE THREW ME WERE 150 YEN!
HOW THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH ONLY 150 YEN IN MY POCKET?!
I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S ALWAYS POOR!
P.O.'D IS RIGHT! I THINK RAN'S ABOUT TO GO POSTAL!
AH!
MEEP?!
CRACK
CLANG

SNAP
DETECTIVE MASATO!!
I OPENED FIRE ON HER AT POINT BLANK RANGE, BUT SHE DIDN'T BLOW HER TOP... WHICH MUST MEAN THIS LIFE FORM ISN'T MY SISTER, BUT AN ALIEN IN HER SKIN!!!
TH-THIS CASE'LL BE ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS!!
SAYO!
YOU'RE AS FULL OF PEP AS EVER! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
SPOOOSH
!!
HAH?!
YOU MISCHIEVOUS GIRL!
NO, NO, NO! YOU MUSTN'T BE SO NAUGHTY!
FLICK

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I CAN'T GO TO NAKANISHI-SENSEI'S WINTER VACATION CLASS WEARING THIS!
AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE MY TEXT-BOOKS!
AND WHY AM I WEARING THESE GAUDY CLOTHES?!
WAS I AT A COSTUME PARTY?
BA-DUM


DA DA DA DA
AHHHHHHHHH!
?
HER PERSON-ALITY'S CHANGED
!!!

ROLL ROLL
AGREED! WE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME AT THE SCENE OF A CRIME!!!
HUH?
DETECTIVE KOTOBUKI!! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A CASE!!

DASH!!
ROGER!!!
COMMENCE PURSUIT OF SUSPECT ALIEN!!!
WHUM
AH!
DETECTIVE KOTOBUKI!!!
THE JUNIOR HIGH DETECTIVES WILL FIGHT TO THE END TO PROTECT JAPAN FROM THE ALIEN'S ATTACK!
UH, NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT ACTUALLY...
KAWARO
THIS, TOO, MUST BE PART OF THE ALIEN'S DASTARDLY PLAN!!!
THIS, TOO...
DETECTIVE KOTOBUKI, ARE YOU OKAY?!

WE'VE GOTTA CONTACT AMERICA!!!
BUT, HOW?!
SHE'S AN ALIEN, ALRIGHT!!
BRICK
THERE! DO YOU STILL DOUBT ME?
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS! LOOK, I'M KOTOBUKI RAN. I'M 16 YEARS OLD MY PERSONAL HEROES ARE SHOTOKU TAISHI AND THOMAS EDISON I LOVE STUDYING. AND I PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!
MMM... THIS IS PROBABLY KEY EVIDENCE.
A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO, THAT SIGN FELL.
ZAP
I'LL CHECK IT FOR FINGERPRINTS!
MY THEORY IS SHE TRIED TO SEE IF HER ALIEN POWERS WOULD WORK ON EARTH BY TESTING 'EM ON THE SIGN!!!
DUST DUST
WELL, I'M OFF TO STUDY
EVEN HER WALK IS DIFFERENT.
UM...
LIEUTENANT YAMAZAKI! COULD YOU FILL ME IN ON EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED?!

HAS...HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?
KOTO-BUKI.. TODAY, YOU SEEM, AH... INORDI-NATELY INTER-ESTED IN STUDY-ING.
NO, SIR
MY EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED TO THE FUN OF STUDYING AND THE SHEER PLEASURE OF ABSORBING KNOWLEDGE, THAT'S ALL.
QUIVER QUIVER
WELL, I MUST BE GETTING HOME. THANK YOU FOR THE LESSON
IS SHE UP TO SOME-THING? I'M SCARED.
B-B-BE CAREFUL GOING HOME!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
QUASI-ADJECTIVAL FORMS.. NARA, NARI, NARI... NARU, NARE, NARE. MMM...
IROHANI-HOHETO... CHIRINURUO ..
Classical Japanese
AUXILIARY VERB MASTER
THAT'S GOTTA BE ALIEN SHE'S SPEAK-ING..!

WOULD YOU SAY, NAKA-NISHI-SENSEI ...
...THAT ANOTHER REASON THE GERMAN EMPIRE FELL APART, BESIDES THE FACT THAT EVEN WITHIN NORTHERN EUROPE, ECONOMIC EXPANSION PROGRESSED SLOWLY, WAS THAT REACTIONARY FORCES, SUCH AS THOSE LED BY KLEMENS FURST ON METTERNICH, FOMENTED SCHISMS?
EXPANSION OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE
I SEE... AND AS FOR TARIFFS, WHY, IN PRUSSIA ALONE, THERE WERE 67 DIFFERENT TARIFFS AND 119 FORMS OF CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION, MAKING ECONOMIC UNIFICATION QUITE A DIFFICULT PROSPECT INDEED.
UM...UH, YES.. I WOULD SAY THAT.
1-2

The Next Day
YOU NEED TO LEARN TO RESPECT YOUR ELDERS!
NOW GO HOME WHERE YOU BELONG!!
KYAAA!
SNEAK SNEAK
HEY! LOOK AT THAT!
THEN, THE STORY'S TRUE! RAN-CHAN'S GIVEN UP GALHOOD!
UN-FRIGGIN'-BELIEV-ABLE!
I OBSERVED ITS EVERY MOMENT YESTER-DAY, BUT IT DIDN'T TRANS-FORM INTO ITS TRUE SELF!
BUT, MY PARENTS AND BROTHER WERE ALL THRILLED BY THE ALIEN PERSON-ALITY!
HMM... BEFRIENDING YOUR FAMILY MAY BE PART OF ITS SCHEME.

I WAS ONLY TEACHING KOTOBUKI!
I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
WE'RE THE JUNIOR HIGH DETEC-TIVES! THE TWO OF YOU WERE DISCUSSING SOMETHING JUST NOW, WEREN'T YOU?
HM? YOUR VOICE IS UNSTEADY. WHAT WERE YOU DOING ABOUT FIVE HOURS AGO, SIR?
JERK
NAKA-NISHI-SENSE!!!
IF YOU LIE TO US, WE'LL HAUL YOU DOWN TO THE STATION ON SUS-PICION OF BEING AN ILLEGAL ALIEN!!!
JUST THE FACTS, MISTER!!!
AHHH... YOU WANT TO CHECK OUT MY ALIBI, IS THAT IT?
NAKA-SEN, PLAYING ALONG
HANDS UP!! YOU'RE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED!!!
BEEP-BEEP
A LIKELY STORY!! ADMIT IT! YOU'RE REALLY A MARTIAN, RIGHT?!
CHUCKLE
I'VE BEEN HERE, IN SCHOOL, ALL AFTER-NOON.

AHHHH!
AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THIS BOOK IS FILLED WITH SECRET MESSAGES FROM SPACE!!!
THIS RIBBON IS ACTUALLY AN ANTENNA USED TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR COMRADES IN OUTER SPACE, RIGHT?!
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD RECENTLY.
SAYO, WHAT'S WRONG?
I KNOW. I WISH I HAD SOFT HAIR.
MMM?! I DON'T DETECT ANY MICROCHIPS IN IT, THOUGH! AND THE HAIR SAMPLE I COLLECTED IS ONLY BLEACH-DAMAGED!!
LET'S EXPERIMENT! MICROSCOPE SET
"MINAMOTO YORITOMO. TAIRA KIYOMORI!" UH, THIS BOOK JUST SEEMS TO BE ABOUT HISTORICAL JAPANESE DUDES. I CAN'T FIND ANY ALIENESE IN IT!

KYA♡
P-PRIME MINISTER ?!
I'M GONNA GO FOR IT!
GETTING INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY COULD BE THE FIRST STEP TO BECOMING JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER! ♡
PRIME MINISTER ... HMM...
BONG
Japanese History
NOW, MORE THAN EVER, IT'S TIME FOR OUR SECRET ATTACK !!!
ROAR
CRASH
CRASH
IF IT BECOMES A GOVERNMENT LEADER, IT'LL CALL DOWN THE U.F.O.S TO DESTROY JAPAN!!
CROSS ATTACK ALPHA !!!
ENTER THE JUNIOR HIGH DETECTIVES !!!

GUYS, COME ON! IT'S JUST A GAG! RIGHT?
AND WHAT WAY IS THAT?
NO, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT. I MEAN... IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU, IN A WAY.
STRANGE?

THANK YOU!
REALLY?
SMILE

I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM BUG, SO I'M STAYING IN THE HOUSE ALL NIGHT!
SO, HOW ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER FOR A COUNT-DOWN SOMEWHERE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE?
OH, SHUT UP! WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD!
AND WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS EATING BANANAS?!
I CAN'T HELP IT! BANANAS HAVE ALWAYS HAD A LOTTA "A PEEL" FOR ME!
HEH HEH
HEY, SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND, SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO BLUSH!
MUNCH-MUNCH

I DON'T CARE HOW ANGRY SHE GETS, OR THAT SHE DOESN'T STUDY OR THAT SHE ALWAYS BLOWS HER MONEY!
I LOVE MY OLD BIG SISTER!!!
SAYO?!
YOU...!! GIMME MY SISTER BACK!!!
SAYO PUNCH!!

SECA/MARUHAN
WHY? DO I LOOK STRANGE?
WH-WH-WHAT'RE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT FOR?!
WAAA!!
I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
DON'T CRY, SAYO-PII!
RAN-CHAN?!

YEAH, YOU KNOW IT'S TIME TO CALL IT A DAY WHEN YOU SLIP ON A FRIGGIN' BANANA PEEL!!!
SNICKER
LOSER TO THE MAX!!!
SHORT SHORT
STUFF'S SPILLING OUT OF YOUR HEAD!!
XY
AAA!
U/S
TRUSH
SLIP
?!
AH!
BOING
MEEP?!
DDOOP
DDOOP
EDISON
GRAHAM
U/S
ARCHIMEDES
YOU KNEW IT WAS COMING.
THINK NEGATIVE
...JUST SAY SOME-THIN' TO ME ?!
DID YOU LOSERS ...

PRETTY MUCH COMMON KNOWLEDGE...
WOW! RAN, YOU REALLY ARE A SMART GIRL!!
IT'S A COMPUTER PROGRAMMING ERROR THAT COULD FOUL UP COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, HOSPITALS, AND SO ON ALL OVER THE WORLD! SCARY STUFF!
MILLENNIUM BUG? WHAT'S THAT?
SHOVE
AH!
EVEN THE "GREAT" KOTOBUKI RAN HADDA FALL OFF HER PERCH SOMETIME, HUH?!
?!
AWWW, WOOKIT THE WIDDLE GIRL! GEEK!!!
BWA HA HA!! JUST LOOK AT 'ER!!!
YEAH! AND HERE WE THOUGHT YOU'D BE A GAL FOR LIFE! WHAT A DISAPPOINT-MENT YOU ARE MORON!!
YOU AIN'T SUCH A TOUGH COOKIE, AFTER ALL, ARE YA ?!
STEP STEP
KYAAA!
WHO ARE YOU GIRLS AND WHY ARE YOU BEING SO NASTY TO ME?! WHAT DID I EVER DO TO YOU?!
WHAT PERCH?

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SCAMPER SCAMPER
DASH!
HAHAHA-ERAU!!
BIMBO! BIMBO!
CRUD! IT WAS JUST A HOAX AFTER ALL!!
COME BACK AND SAY IT TO MY FACE, COWARDS!!!!
WHO'S A LOSER TO THE MAX?!

ALIEN?! SAYO, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HAH?!
BUT, THE SHOCK FROM YOUR FALL MUST'VE BROKEN THE TELEPATHIC LINK!!
RAN...! SO, YOU WEREN'T AN ALIEN! JUST CONTROLLED BY ONE!

DID I GO TO A COSTUME PARTY OR SOMETHING?!
GASP!!! WHAT'S WITH THIS DRESS?!
CASE CLOSED!!
THANK GOD!!!
RAN, YOU'RE SUCH A KIDDER!
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